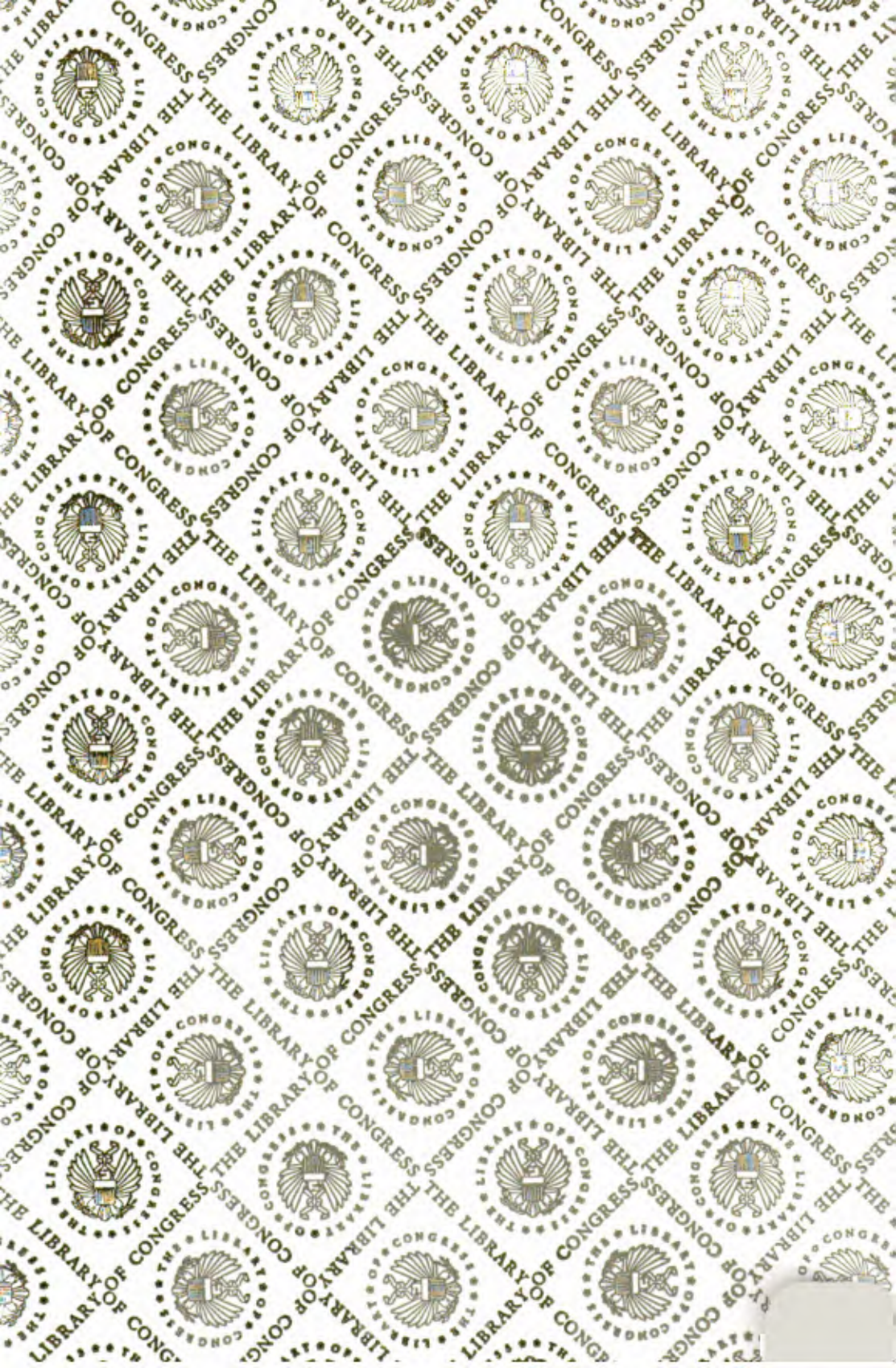


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MODIFICATION OF THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1938

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1991

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
*Washington, DC.***

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:09 a.m., in room 2226, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Barney Frank (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Barney Frank, Don Edwards, George W. Gekas, and Jim Ramstad.

Also present: Roy A. Dye, legislative specialist; Cynthia Blackston, chief clerk; and Raymond V. Smietanka, minority counsel.

Mr. FRANK. The Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations will come to order.

I apologize for my lateness. I miscalculated and I apologize.

We will get right to it. This is a hearing called to deal with legislation amending the Foreign Agents Registration Act submitted by our colleague and former chairman of this subcommittee, Dan Glickman of Kansas, who is one of the most knowledgeable and thoughtful Members with regard to this whole area. It is the result of work that he has done that we have this legislation and that we are here.

[The bills, H.R. 1725, H.R. 1381, and H.R. 806, follow:]

102D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1725

To strengthen the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 1991

Mr. GLICKMAN (for himself, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. DERRICK, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. FEIGHAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HOAGLAND, Mr. ROSE, and Mr. GEJDENSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To strengthen the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938,
as amended.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STRENGTHENING THE FOREIGN AGENTS REG-**
4 **ISTRATION ACT OF 1938, AS AMENDED.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—

6 (1) AGENT OF A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL.—(A)

7 Section 1(c) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
8 of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611(c)), is
9 amended—

1 (i) by striking "Expect" and inserting
2 "Except";

3 (ii) by striking "agent of a foreign princi-
4 pal" each place it appears and inserting "repre-
5 sentative of a foreign principal";

6 (iii) in paragraph (1) by striking "and"
7 after the semicolon at the end of clause (iv);

8 (iv) in paragraph (2) by striking the period
9 and inserting "; and"; and

10 (v) by adding at the end the following:

11 "(3) any person who engages in political activi-
12 ties for purposes of furthering commercial, industri-
13 al, or financial operations with a foreign principal.

14 For purposes of clause (1), a foreign principal shall be
15 considered to control a person in major part if the foreign
16 principal holds more than 50 percent equitable ownership
17 in such person or, subject to rebuttal evidence, if the for-
18 eign principal holds at least 20 percent but not more than
19 50 percent equitable ownership in such person."

20 (B) Section 1(d) of that Act (22 U.S.C. 611(d))
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 "(d) The term 'representative of a foreign principal'
23 does not include—

24 "(1) any news or press service or association
25 organized under the laws of the United States or of

1 any State or other place subject to the jurisdiction
2 of the United States, or any newspaper, magazine,
3 periodical, or other publication for which there is on
4 file with the United States Postal Service informa-
5 tion in compliance with section 3685 of title 39,
6 United States Code, published in the United States,
7 solely by virtue of any bona fide news or journalistic
8 activities, including the solicitation or acceptance of
9 advertisements, subscriptions, or other compensation
10 therefor, so long as it is at least 80 percent benefi-
11 cially owned by, and its officers and directors, if any,
12 are citizens of the United States, and such news or
13 press service or association, newspaper magazine,
14 periodical, or other publication, is not owned, direct-
15 ed, supervised, controlled, subsidized, or financed,
16 and none of its policies are determined by any for-
17 eign principal defined in subsection (b) of this sec-
18 tion, or by any representative of a foreign principal
19 required to register under this Act; or

20 “(2) any incorporated, nonprofit membership
21 organization organized under the laws of the United
22 States or of any State or other place subject to the
23 jurisdiction of the United States that is registered
24 under section 308 of the Federal Regulation of Lob-
25 bing Act and has obtained tax-exempt status under

1 section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
2 and whose activities are directly supervised, directed,
3 controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole by citi-
4 zens of the United States.”.

5 (2) POLITICAL PROMOTIONAL OR INFORMA-
6 TIONAL MATERIALS.—Section 1(j) of that Act (22
7 U.S.C. 611(j)) is amended—

8 (A) by striking “propaganda” and insert-
9 ing “promotional or informational materials”;
10 and

11 (B) by striking “prevail upon, indoctrinate,
12 convert, induce, persuade, or in any other way”
13 and inserting “in any way”.

14 (3) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—Section 1(o) of
15 that Act is amended—

16 (A) by striking “prevail upon, indoctrinate,
17 convert, induce, persuade, or in any other way”
18 and inserting “in any way”; and

19 (B) by striking “or changing the domestic
20 or foreign” and inserting “enforcing, or chang-
21 ing the domestic or foreign laws, regulations,
22 or”.

23 (4) POLITICAL CONSULTANT.—Section 1(p) of
24 that Act (22 U.S.C. 611(p)) is amended—

1 (A) by inserting "(1)" after "any person";
2 and

3 (B) by inserting before the semicolon the
4 following: ", or (2) who distributes political pro-
5 motional or informational materials to an offi-
6 cer or employee of the United States Govern-
7 ment, in his or her capacity as such officer or
8 employee".

9 (5) SERVING PREDOMINANTLY A FOREIGN IN-
10 TEREST.—Section 1(q) of that Act (22 U.S.C.
11 611(q)) is amended—

12 (A) by striking "and" at the end of clause
13 (ii) of the proviso; and

14 (B) by inserting before the period at the
15 end the following: ", and (iv) such activities do
16 not involve the representation of the interests of
17 the foreign principal before any agency or offi-
18 cial of the Government of the United States
19 other than providing information in response to
20 requests by such agency or official or as a nec-
21 essary part of a formal judicial or administra-
22 tive proceeding, including the initiation of such
23 a proceeding."

24 (b) SUPPLEMENTAL REGISTRATION.—Section 2(b) of
25 that Act (22 U.S.C. 612(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence by striking “, within
2 thirty days” and all that follows through “preceding
3 six months’ period” and inserting “on January 31
4 and July 31 of each year file with the Attorney Gen-
5 eral a supplement thereto under oath, on a form
6 prescribed by the Attorney General, which shall set
7 forth regarding the six-month periods ending the
8 previous December 31, and June 30, respectively, or,
9 if a lesser period, the period since the initial filing,”;
10 and

11 (2) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
12 lowing new sentence: “Any agent using an account-
13 ing system with a fiscal year which is different from
14 the calendar year may petition the Attorney General
15 to permit the filing of supplemental statements at
16 the close of the first and seventh month of each such
17 fiscal year in lieu of the dates specified by the pre-
18 ceding sentence.”.

19 (c) REMOVAL OF EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN COUN-
20 TRIES.—Section 3(f) of that Act (22 U.S.C. 613(f)) is re-
21 pealed.

22 (d) LIMITING EXEMPTION FOR LEGAL REPRESENTA-
23 TION.—Section 3(g) of that Act (22 U.S.C. 613(g)) is
24 amended by striking “or any agency of the Government
25 of the United States” and all that follows through “infor-

mal” and inserting “or before the Patent and Trademark Office, including any written submission to that Office”.

(e) NOTIFICATION OF RELIANCE ON EXEMPTIONS.—
Section 3 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 613) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Any person who does not register under section 2(a) on account of any provision of subsections (a) through (g) of this section shall so notify the Attorney General in such form and manner as the Attorney General prescribes.”.

(f) CIVIL PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS.—Section 8 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 618) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i)(1) Any person who is determined, after notice and opportunity for an administrative hearing—

“(A) to have failed to file when such filing is required a registration statement under section 2(a) or a supplement thereto under section 2(b),

“(B) to have omitted a material fact required to be stated therein, or

“(C) to have made a false statement with respect to such a material fact,

shall be required to pay for each violation committed a civil penalty of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$1,000,000. In determining the amount of the penalty, the

1 Attorney General shall give due consideration to the na-
2 ture and duration of the violation.

3 “(2)(A) Whenever the Attorney General has reason
4 to believe that any person may be in possession, custody,
5 or control of any documentary material relevant to an in-
6 vestigation regarding any violation of paragraph (1) of
7 this subsection or of section 5, the Attorney General may,
8 before bringing any civil or criminal proceeding thereon,
9 issue in writing, and cause to be served upon such person,
10 a civil investigative demand requiring such person to
11 produce such material for examination.

12 “(B) Civil investigative demands issued under this
13 paragraph shall be subject to the applicable provisions of
14 section 1968 of title 18, United States Code.”.

15 (g) CHANGE IN SHORT TITLE OF THE ACT.—Section
16 14 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 611 note) is amended by strik-
17 ing “Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amend-
18 ed” and inserting “Foreign Interests Representation Act”.

19 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

20 (a) REFERENCES TO AGENT OF A FOREIGN PRINCI-
21 PAL.—The Foreign Interests Representation Act is
22 amended—

23 (1) by striking “agent of a foreign principal”
24 each place it appears and inserting “representative
25 of a foreign principal”;

1 tion 1(d) of the Foreign Interests Representa-
2 tion Act (22 U.S.C. 611(d)),”.

3 (4) Section 34(a) of the Trading With the
4 Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. App. 34(a)) is amended by
5 striking “Act of June 8, 1934 (ch. 327, 52 Stat.
6 631), as amended” and inserting “Foreign Interests
7 Representation Act”.

8 (5) Section 512(a) of the Comprehensive Anti-
9 Apartheid Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 5101(a)) is
10 amended by striking “Foreign Agents Registration
11 Act of 1938” and inserting “Foreign Interests Rep-
12 resentation Act”.

102D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1381

To strengthen the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 1991

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To strengthen the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938,
as amended.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STRENGTHENING THE FOREIGN AGENTS REG-**
4 **ISTRATION ACT.**

5 (a) **DEFINITION OF AGENT OF A FOREIGN PRIN-**
6 **CIPAL.**—Section 1(c) of the Foreign Agents Registration
7 Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611(c)) is amended
8 by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence:
9 “For purposes of clause (1), a foreign principal shall be
10 considered to control a person in major part if the foreign
11 principal holds more than 50 percent equitable ownership

1 in such person or, subject to rebuttal evidence, if the for-
2 eign principal holds at least 20 percent but not more than
3 50 percent equitable ownership in such person.”.

4 (b) DEFINITION OF SERVING PREDOMINANTLY A
5 FOREIGN INTEREST.—Section 1(q) of such Act (22
6 U.S.C. 611(q)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking out “and” at the end of clause
8 (ii) of the proviso; and

9 (2) by inserting before the period at the end
10 thereof the following: “, and (iv) such activities do
11 not involve the representation of the interests of the
12 foreign principal before any agency or official of the
13 Government of the United States other than provid-
14 ing information in response to requests by such
15 agency or official or as a necessary part of a formal
16 judicial or administrative proceeding, including the
17 initiation of such a proceeding.”.

18 (c) SUPPLEMENTAL REGISTRATION.—Section 2(b) of
19 such Act (22 U.S.C. 612(b)) is amended—

20 (1) in the first sentence by striking out “, with-
21 in thirty days” and all that follows through “preced-
22 ing six months’ period” and inserting in lieu thereof
23 “on January 31 and July 31 of each year file with
24 the Attorney General a supplement thereto under
25 oath, on a form prescribed by the Attorney General,

1 which shall set forth regarding the six-month periods
2 ending the previous December 31, and June 30, re-
3 spectively, or, if a lesser period, the period since the
4 initial filing,"; and

5 (2) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
6 lowing new sentence: "Any agent using an account-
7 ing system with a fiscal year which is different from
8 the calendar year may petition the Attorney General
9 to permit the filing of supplemental statements at
10 the close of the first and seventh month of each such
11 fiscal year in lieu of the dates specified by the pre-
12 ceding sentence."

13 (d) LIMITING EXEMPTION FOR LEGAL REP-
14 RESENTATION.—Section 3(g) of such Act (22 U.S.C.
15 613(g)) is amended by striking out "or any agency of the
16 Government of the United States" and all that follows
17 through "informal" and inserting in lieu thereof "or be-
18 fore the Patent and Trademark Office, including any writ-
19 ten submission to that Office".

20 (e) CIVIL PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT PROVI-
21 SIONS.—Section 8 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 618) is amend-
22 ed by adding at the end thereof the following:

23 "(i)(1) Any person who is determined, after notice
24 and opportunity for an administrative hearing—

4

1 “(A) to have failed to file when such filing is
2 required a registration statement under section 2(a)
3 or a supplement thereto under section 2(b),

4 “(B) to have omitted a material fact required to
5 be stated therein, or

6 “(C) to have made a false statement with re-
7 spect to such a material fact,
8 shall be required to pay a civil penalty in an amount not
9 less than \$2,000 or more than \$5,000 for each violation
10 committed. In determining the amount of the penalty, the
11 Attorney General shall give due consideration to the na-
12 ture and duration of the violation.

13 “(2)(A) Whenever the Attorney General has reason
14 to believe that any person may be in possession, custody,
15 or control of any documentary material relevant to an in-
16 vestigation regarding any violation of paragraph (1) of
17 this subsection or of section 5, he may, before bringing
18 any civil or criminal proceeding thereon, issue in writing,
19 and cause to be served upon such person, a civil investiga-
20 tive demand requiring such person to produce such mate-
21 rial for examination.

22 “(B) Civil investigative demands issued under this
23 paragraph shall be subject to the applicable provisions of
24 section 1968 of title 18, United States Code.”.

102D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 806

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and expenditures by multicandidate political committees controlled by foreign-owned corporations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 1991

Mr. GUARINI (for himself, Ms. KAPTUE, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. LONG, Mr. FUSTER, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DE LUGO, Mr. SMITH of Florida, Mr. PEASE, Mr. KANJOESKI, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. WOLPE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CAMPBELL of Colorado, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. FORD of Tennessee, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. ECKART, Mr. LEHMAN of Florida, Mr. FORD of Michigan, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BILBEAY, Mr. LANCASTER, Mr. ROE, Mr. ZELIFF, and Mr. HUGHES) introduced the following bill; which was jointly referred to the Committees on House Administration and the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit contributions and expenditures by multicandidate political committees controlled by foreign-owned corporations, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Ethics in Foreign
5 Lobbying Act of 1991".

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDI-**
2 **TURES BY MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COM-**
3 **MITTEES OR SEPARATE SEGREGATED FUNDS**
4 **SPONSORED BY FOREIGN-CONTROLLED COR-**
5 **PORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS.**

6 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971
7 (2 U.S.C. 441 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new section:

9 **"PROHIBITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY**
10 **MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES SPON-**
11 **SORED BY FOREIGN-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND**
12 **ASSOCIATIONS**

13 **"SEC. 324. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of**
14 **law—**

15 **"(1) no multicandidate political committee or sep-**
16 **arate segregated fund of a foreign-controlled corpora-**
17 **tion may make any contribution or expenditure with**
18 **respect to an election for Federal office; and**

19 **"(2) no multicandidate political committee or sep-**
20 **arate segregated fund of a trade organization, member-**
21 **ship organization, cooperative, or corporation without**
22 **capital stock may make any contribution or expendi-**
23 **ture with respect to an election for Federal office if 50**
24 **percent or more of the operating fund of the trade or-**
25 **ganization, membership organization, cooperative, or**

1 corporation without capital stock is supplied by foreign-
2 controlled corporations or foreign nationals.

3 "(b) The Commission shall—

4 "(1) require each multicandidate political commit-
5 tee or separate segregated fund of a corporation to in-
6 clude in the statement of organization of the multican-
7 didate political committee or separate segregated fund
8 a statement (to be updated annually and at any time
9 when the percentage goes above or below 50 percent)
10 of the percentage of ownership interest in the corpora-
11 tion that is controlled by persons other than citizens or
12 nationals of the United States;

13 "(2) require each trade association, membership
14 organization, cooperative, or corporation without cap-
15 ital stock to include in its statement of organization of
16 the multicandidate political committee or separate seg-
17 regated fund (and update annually) the percentage of
18 its operating fund that is derived from foreign-owned
19 corporations and foreign nationals; and

20 "(3) take such action as may be necessary to en-
21 force subsection (a).

22 "(c) The Commission shall maintain a list of the identity
23 of the multicandidate political committees or separate segre-
24 gated funds that file reports under subsection (b), including a
25 statement of the amounts and percentage reported by such

1 multicandidate political committees or separate segregated
2 funds.

3 “(d) As used in this section—

4 “(1) the term ‘foreign-owned corporation’ means a
5 corporation at least 50 percent of the ownership inter-
6 est of which is controlled by persons other than citi-
7 zens or nationals of the United States;

8 “(2) the term ‘multicandidate political committee’
9 has the meaning given that term in section 315(a)(4);

10 “(3) the term ‘separate segregated fund’ means a
11 separate segregated fund referred to in section
12 316(b)(2)(C); and

13 “(4) the term ‘foreign national’ has the meaning
14 given that term in section 319.”.

15 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ELECTION-RELATED**
16 **ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN NATIONALS.**

17 Section 319 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
18 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441e) is amended by adding at the end the
19 following new subsection:

20 “(c) A foreign national shall not direct, dictate, control,
21 or directly or indirectly participate in the decisionmaking
22 process of any person, such as a corporation, labor organiza-
23 tion, or political committee, with regard to such person’s
24 Federal or non-Federal election-related activities, such as de-
25 cisions concerning the making of contributions or expendi-

1 tures in connection with elections for any local, State, or
2 Federal office or decisions concerning the administration of a
3 political committee.”.

4 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLEARINGHOUSE OF POLITI-**
5 **CAL ACTIVITIES INFORMATION WITHIN THE**
6 **FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION.**

7 (a) There shall be established within the Federal Elec-
8 tion Commission a clearinghouse of existing public informa-
9 tion regarding the political activities of foreign principals and
10 foreign agents (as defined by the Foreign Agents Registration
11 Act of 1938, as amended). The information comprising this
12 clearinghouse shall include and be solely limited to the
13 following:

14 (1) Existing publicly disclosed registrations and
15 quarterly reports required by the Federal Regulation of
16 Lobbying Act (2 U.S.C. 261-270).

17 (2) Existing publicly disclosed registrations and
18 quarterly reports required by the Foreign Agents Reg-
19 istration Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611-621).

20 (3) The catalogue of public hearings, hearings
21 witnesses and witness affiliations as printed in the
22 Congressional Record.

23 (4) Existing public information disclosed pursuant
24 to House and Senate rules regarding honoraria, the re-
25 ceipt of gifts, travel, earned and unearned income,

1 post-congressional employment, and conflict of interest
2 regulations.

3 (5) Existing public information disclosed pursuant
4 to the requirements of the Federal Election Campaign
5 Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.).

6 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the dis-
7 closure by the clearinghouse of any information other than
8 that set forth in subsection (a) shall be prohibited except by
9 Act of Congress.

10 (c) A Director shall administer and manage the respon-
11 sibilities and all activities of the clearinghouse.

12 (d) The Director shall be appointed by the Federal Elec-
13 tion Commission.

14 (e) The Director shall serve a single term not to exceed
15 5 years.

16 (f) There shall be authorized such sums as necessary to
17 conduct activities of the clearinghouse.

18 **SEC. 5. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF**
19 **THE CLEARINGHOUSE.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—It shall be the duty of the
21 Director—

22 (1) to develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing
23 system to carry out the purposes of this Act (which
24 shall include an index of all persons identified in the

1 reports, registrations, and other existing public disclo-
2 sures filed under this Act);

3 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of law, to
4 make copies of registrations, reports and public disclo-
5 sures filed with him under this Act available for public
6 inspection and copying, commencing as soon as practi-
7 cable, and to permit copying of any such registration or
8 report by hand or by copying machine or, at the re-
9 quest of any person, to furnish a copy of any such reg-
10 istration or report upon payment of the cost of making
11 and furnishing such copy; but no information contained
12 in such registration or report shall be sold or utilized
13 by any person for the purpose of soliciting contribu-
14 tions or for any profit-making purpose;

15 (3) to compile and summarize, for each calendar
16 quarter, the information contained in such registrations,
17 reports, and other existing public disclosures required
18 by this Act in a manner which facilitates the disclosure
19 of political activities, including, but not limited to,
20 information on—

21 (A) political activities pertaining to issues
22 before the Congress and issues before the execu-
23 tive branch; and

24 (B) the political activities of individuals, or-
25 ganizations, foreign principals, and foreign agents

1 who share an economic, business, or other
2 common interest;

3 (4) to make the information compiled and summa-
4 rized under paragraph (3) available to the public within
5 30 days after the close of each quarterly period, and to
6 publish such information in the Federal Register at the
7 earliest practicable opportunity;

8 (5) not later than 150 days after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act and at any time thereafter, to
10 prescribe, in consultation with the Comptroller General
11 of the United States, rules, regulations, and forms, in
12 conformity with the provisions of chapter 5 of title 5,
13 United States Code, as are necessary to carry out the
14 provisions of this Act in the most effective and efficient
15 manner;

16 (6) at the request of any Member of the Senate or
17 the House of Representatives, to prepare and submit to
18 such Member a special study or report relating to the
19 political activities of any person, such report to consist
20 solely of the information in the registrations, reports,
21 and other publicly disclosed information required in this
22 Act;

23 (7) to require the accurate, timely, and complete
24 transfer of information required under section 1 of this
25 Act to the clearinghouse; and

1 (8) to refer to the Comptroller General for investi-
2 gation any instances where registrations, reports, and
3 political information required in section 1 of this Act
4 are not forwarded to the clearinghouse in an accurate,
5 timely, and complete fashion.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

7 (1) the term “issue before the Congress” means
8 the total of all matters, both substantive and procedur-
9 al, relating to (A) any pending or proposed bill, resolu-
10 tion, report, nomination, treaty, hearing, investigation,
11 or other similar matter in either the Senate or the
12 House of Representatives or any committee or office of
13 the Congress, or (B) any action or proposed action by
14 a Member, officer, or employee of the Congress to
15 affect, or attempt to affect, any action or proposed
16 action by any officer or employee of the executive
17 branch; and

18 (2) the term “issue before the executive branch”
19 means the total of all matters, both substantive and
20 procedural, relating to any action or possible action by
21 any executive agency, or by any officer or employee of
22 the executive branch, concerning (A) any pending or
23 proposed rule, rule of practice, adjudication, regulation,
24 determination, hearing, investigation, contract, grant,
25 license, negotiation, or the appointment of officers and

1 employees, other than appointments in the competitive
2 service, or (B) any issue before the Congress.

3 **SEC. 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRA-**
4 **TION ACT OF 1938, AS AMENDED.**

5 (a) Section 2(b) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
6 of 1938, as amended, is amended in the first sentence by
7 striking out ", within thirty days" and all that follows
8 through "preceding six months' period" and inserting in lieu
9 thereof "on January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31
10 of each year, file with the Attorney General a supplement
11 thereto on a form prescribed by the Attorney General, which
12 shall set forth regarding the three-month periods ending the
13 previous December 31, March 31, June 30, and September
14 30, respectively, or if a lesser period, the period since the
15 initial filing,".

16 (b) Section 3(g) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
17 of 1938, as amended, is amended by inserting after "whether
18 formal or informal." the following: "Notwithstanding any
19 other provision of law, persons covered by this subsection
20 shall be exempt only upon filing with the Attorney General
21 an affirmative request for exemption.".

22 (c) Section 8 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
23 1938, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof
24 the following:

1 “(i)(1) Any person who is determined, after notice and
2 opportunity for an administrative hearing—

3 “(A) to have failed to file a registration statement
4 under section 2(a) or a supplement thereto under
5 section 2(b),

6 “(B) to have omitted a material fact required to
7 be stated therein, or

8 “(C) to have made a false statement with respect
9 to such a material fact,

10 shall be required to pay a civil penalty in an amount not less
11 than \$2,000 or more than \$5,000 for each violation commit-
12 ted. In determining the amount of the penalty, the Attorney
13 General shall give due consideration to the nature and dura-
14 tion of the violation.

15 “(2)(A) In conducting investigations and hearings under
16 paragraph (1), administrative law judges may, if necessary,
17 compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the pro-
18 duction of evidence at any designated place or hearing.

19 “(B) In the case of contumacy or refusal to obey a sub-
20 poena lawfully issued under this paragraph and, upon appli-
21 cation by the Attorney General, an appropriate district court
22 of the United States may issue an order requiring compliance
23 with such subpoena and any failure to obey such order may
24 be punished by such court as contempt thereof.”.

Mr. FRANK. Opening statement, Mr. Gekas.

Mr. GEKAS. Only to say that I'm interested in the opening statements to be made by the sponsors of the bill. With the admonition of some and relief to others, I have to leave right afterwards to go to another meeting.

Mr. FRANK. The hearing will proceed. We will hear first from our colleagues. These are mornings when there are a number of conflicting requirements on Members, which is probably why I'm late. So, I will explain to others who are here, whose willingness to come and testify we appreciate, that we will accommodate Members when they come because they are likelier than others to have two or three other places they're supposed to be at the same time.

We will begin with Mr. Glickman and then we'll go to Ms. Kaptur. I should note that this is a subject in which she has also taken a very great interest. Ms. Kaptur is one of the people who is most responsible for the fact that we now have on our books legislation regulating the sort of lobbying that can be done by members of both the legislative and executive branches after they have left office. It was her interest in this, as I recall brought to her attention by a constituent who had an unfortunate experience in a trade matter several years ago, that led her to become particularly interested in improving the laws governing lobbying by representatives of foreign interests. While we have made some progress, I know she believes we need to do more. So, we are glad to have her as a sign of her continuing leadership on this whole set of issues.

Mr. Glickman, we'll begin with you.

STATEMENT OF HON. DAN GLICKMAN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS

Mr. GLICKMAN. Thank you, Chairman Frank, Mr. Gekas. Knowing how you like to run a hearing, Barney, I won't thank you—well, I already did that—I won't tell you who I am; I won't go through the provisions of my bill line by line. It's in the record—

Mr. FRANK. From your lips to everybody else's ears.

[Laughter.]

Mr. GLICKMAN. OK, I'll get straight to the point.

I've been interested in rewriting FARA, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, since I chaired this subcommittee, and a number of highly publicized incidents in the last year have made it clear to me that FARA is either widely misunderstood, ignored, poorly written, not enforced or all of the above. I do not believe the statute is easy to figure out, easy to enforce, or that it provides easy access to useful information about lobbyists and their patrons.

The bottom line is that Members of Congress, executives, the press, and average citizens should be able to find out who is paying for influence in our Government, especially when we are talking about foreign influence. We need to know whether the process of writing our trade laws is somehow tainted or if enforcement is influenced by the very people these laws are meant to regulate.

My bill does much of what former Senator Heinz and my colleague, Tim Johnson, have done in the past in trying to more clearly define what constitutes foreign ownership: Narrowing lawyers' exemption, providing civil penalties and additional enforcement

tools, and setting uniform filing dates. But, my bill differs in several respects I will mention briefly.

First, it tries to remove the stigma of being labeled a foreign agent by changing the name of the law to the Foreign Interests Representation Act, covering representatives of a foreign interest. Other terms like "propaganda" and "indoctrinate" are also changed with more neutral language. This bill was adopted in the pre-World War II setting, and it doesn't make sense to have the same rules operative as we did when we were facing the Japanese and the Germans in the 1930's.

Second, I try to reach something which has come to be referred to as "leverage lobbying," where a foreign business or government uses an existing business relationship to pressure a domestic entity to lobby on their behalf. An example would be, for instance, a veiled threat by the Chinese Government to cancel contracts with American companies unless those American companies expressed to Congress a clear desire for unconditional most favored nation trading status. Now that is a purely hypothetical example, of course. I mean, I have no actual knowledge of that happening, but my bill would cover such a situation.

Another example might be a Japanese semiconductor chip supplier suggesting that its American customers try to influence the United States-Japan semiconductor chip agreement. Again, my bill would cover that.

Third, my bill narrows an exemption which allows an agent of a foreign principal to not register so long as they take part only in nonpolitical activities in furtherance of bona fide commercial interests. Well, commercial interests are our main concern now, and the statute should reflect that. My bill only allows these individuals to respond to direct requests by an agency or in the context of a formal judicial or administrative proceeding; that is, if they want to remain exempt from registration.

Finally, my bill would require notification of reliance on one of the remaining exemptions. Many commentators have surmised that lax enforcement of FARA has resulted in underfiling due to casual, broad reliance on the act's exemptions. The filing of such notice will at least ensure that potential registrants have read the act and are aware of the consequences of ignoring or intentionally violating its requirements.

I have other provisions. The bill primarily only has criminal sanctions to it. We add civil and administrative sanctions, equitable relief, and there are other provisions of the bill which make enforcement more feasible.

I know some people, including some of the folks who will testify following me, have suggested wiping all of the lobbying disclosure laws off the books and starting fresh with a single global statute. Unfortunately, I remember the last time we tried that back in the late 1970's. It was the first time every interest group in Washington was united on anything, and it was against such a proposal.

So, I would encourage you to look at the FARA aspects on their own, even though it may be useful to have centralized filing for foreign and domestic lobbying and in some way to make it easier on the folks, so that there's some regularity in the process, but not to

look at this issue necessarily as a way to look at the whole lobbying disclosure effort, which is probably a recipe for doing nothing.

I thank you very much for allowing me to testify, Mr. Chairman.
Mr. FRANK. Thank you, Mr. Glickman.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Glickman follows:]

STATEMENT BY REPRESENTATIVE DAN GLICKMAN (D-KS)
BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
ON THE FOREIGN INTERESTS REPRESENTATION ACT OF 1991
JULY 24, 1991

Thank you, Chairman Frank, for allowing me to testify today. I am pleased also to see my colleagues here to add their concerns about the issue of lobbying by foreign interests. We are facing a crisis in this country and I am not sure many of us in government even realize it. The average American is feeling more and more alienated from the political process, and much of that alienation stems from the perception of monied interests having special access to Congress and the executive branch. Congress needs to respond, because such alienation is very damaging to our democracy in the long run.

I decided to work on one small piece of this problem. In April, I introduced legislation to tighten, toughen, and update the Foreign Agents Registration Act. My bill will require persons whose lobbying of the legislative or executive branch would benefit a foreign interest to disclose the details of their activities. This legislation is intended simply to shed sunshine on lobbying by foreign interests so legislators, administrators and the American public are aware of who is working to influence public policy, and who is paying for it. I want to pay tribute to the late Senator John Heinz, who did a great deal of work in this area before his recent death. Much of my bill is derived from his efforts. I

The world has changed dramatically since the Foreign Agents Registration Act was originally used to disclose Nazi and communist propaganda in the 1930s and 1940s. With the end of the Cold War, we should be less worried about ideological indoctrination and focus our concern instead on the global economic competition that has seen some of our nation's strongest industries overwhelmed and finest economic and cultural assets sold to foreign purchasers.

Foreign corporations and governments spend hundreds of millions of dollars annually to gain access and advantage in the American economy. They employ influential lobbyists, many of whom are well-respected former U.S. government officials, to make their case in Washington. Many of our top trade negotiators leave government only to appear the next week at the opposite side of the bargaining table representing foreign interests. This may be perfectly legal, indeed, we set the rules and create the economic circumstances which invite foreign investment. Our free trade policies and huge budget deficits have opened the door wide to foreign investors. We need foreign investment, but we do not want foreign investors to begin setting the rules and policies which govern our country.

In a number of cases in recent years, foreign corporations have hired teams of Washington lobbyists and public relations professionals to silence possible government interference in foreign buyouts of U.S. corporations, and oppose efforts in Congress to impose trade sanctions for unfair and

illegal trade practices. Many of these efforts currently are not covered by the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

I believe all contacts with the government intended to benefit a foreign principal, other than informational filings required by law, should be disclosed to the Justice Department. My legislation will close a number of loopholes in the law which allow "informational visits" to go undisclosed and persons not employed by the foreign entity to be exempt, even though their work clearly benefits a foreign interest.

Let me explain the major provisions of my bill:

First, my legislation attempts to get rid of the stigma attached to the label "foreign agent," which is commonly believed to cause great reluctance to register with the Justice Department. It is widely held that the approximately 900 persons currently registered represent only a fraction of the total who should register under FARA. FARA would be renamed as the "Foreign Interests Representation Act." The term "political propaganda" would also be dropped in favor of "promotional or informational materials." Other negative terms like "indoctrinate" and "convert" would be replaced by the neutral term "influence."

Second, the bill would create a new category of "representative of a foreign interest" required to register with the Justice Department; persons who are not controlled by a foreign interest but who undertake political activities in furtherance of commercial, industrial, or financial operations with a foreign principal. This would bring under the law a whole category of lobbying by individuals and corporations attempting to influence public policy to substantially benefit a foreign entity as well as themselves. American corporations who, for example, seek action to end sanctions against a foreign country or company or ask the government to refrain from enforcing the trade laws have the same effect as if the foreign entity did the lobbying directly and should be required to register.

Third, my bill establishes a test to determine what constitutes foreign control. Entities that are more than 50% foreign owned would be presumed to be foreign controlled and required to register. Entities with between 20 and 50% foreign ownership would also be considered foreign controlled, but the presumption could be rebutted with evidence. Less than 20% foreign ownership would not require registration. This attempts to clear up an area of frequent confusion which may have contributed to under-registration in the past.

Fourth, my bill narrows an exemption which allows an agent of a foreign principal to not register as long as they take part only in non-political activities in furtherance of bona fide commercial interests. My bill only allows these individuals to respond to direct requests by an agency or in the context of a formal judicial or administrative proceeding, that is, if they want to remain exempt from registration. This provision addresses a grey area of contact which I believe should be prohibited unless it is disclosed.

Fifth, my bill addresses one of the administrative problems which

hampers the effectiveness of FARA. Currently, registrants submit updated disclosure forms every six months after the initial registration. This system has made it almost impossible to know at any given time how many persons are registered and files are never really current. My bill would require follow-up registration forms to be filed by January 30 and June 30 each year. There would be a provision for the Justice Department to make exceptions for entities whose fiscal year does not follow the calendar year on a case-by-case basis.

Sixth, my bill eliminates an exemption which allows the President to exempt foreign governments "vital to the U.S. defense." This is a confusing provision, which I am told by the Justice Department has not been used in 40 years.

Seventh, my bill narrows the current exemption for lawyers to address a grey area of contact with agency officials that may concern a formal administrative proceeding but is nonetheless "off the record." So much in the area of trade is decided by federal agencies that a blanket exemption for administrative proceedings no longer is justified. The exemption remains for representation before a court of law and before the patent and trademark office, which proceedings are secret under current law.

Eighth, my bill requires persons relying on one of the exemptions under the act to notify the Justice Department of their intention. Many commentators have surmised that lax enforcement of FARA has resulted in underfiling due to casual, broad reliance on the act's exemptions. The filing of such notice will at least ensure that potential registrants have read the act and are aware of the consequences of ignoring or intentionally violating its requirements.

Finally, my bill establishes civil penalties and enforcement tools. The harsh criminal penalties in FARA may be one reason the Justice Department has been reluctant to enforce the act. So, I have set out more reasonable civil penalties, in addition to existing criminal penalties, for violating the act and for late filings. The penalties give a judge flexibility to impose fines of between \$2,000 and \$1,000,000, depending on the nature and duration of the violation. In addition, my bill gives the Justice Department the power to summon individuals to testify and produce records, tools of enforcement which are badly needed.

Mr. Chairman, I don't know if this is the right approach to creating full and open disclosure of lobbying activities. Some suggest scrapping all the lobbying laws and making one, simple statute without exemptions. I am sympathetic to this approach, but I still remember the last time we tried to reform the lobbying laws in the late 1970s. It was an extremely contentious issue. I look forward to the testimony of the witnesses and my colleagues and to working with the Chairman to craft appropriate legislation. Thank you.

Mr. FRANK. We'll take Ms. Kaptur and then questions, if that's OK, if you have some time.

Mr. GLICKMAN. Sure, sure.

Mr. FRANK. Marcy.

**STATEMENT OF HON. MARCY KAPTUR, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO**

Ms. KAPTUR. I thank you, Mr. Chairman and Mr. Gekas. I must say it's a pleasure to appear before you. I know what an effective chairman you are, and if it were not for your leadership, the Ethics in Government Act would not have been passed just 2 years ago. We thank you for working with us and being interested, deeply interested, in this topic.

I also have to say that Dan Glickman's leadership in this area has really given me a lot more respect for the Congress, that maybe you can really do something if you stay at a subject that is complicated and where various interests come into play.

So, it's a pleasure to appear before you here today, and I would like to submit my full statement for the record, Mr. Chairman, and I will briefly summarize.

Mr. FRANK. Without objection, so ordered.

Ms. KAPTUR. You were correct, and you have a very photographic memory, I did get involved in this back in 1985 because of a statement made by business people in my area that they really did not trust the Government of the United States, because they didn't feel it could keep proprietary information that they had shared with it, because they couldn't trust the individuals working for our country. Others felt overwhelmed by the vast sums of money being spent, including by now foreign competitors here in Washington, to influence legislation related to their industries.

As a result, I have developed two bills. The one I want to talk about very briefly today is H.R. 806, the Ethics in Foreign Lobbying Act, and specifically section 6 of that bill, and I will summarize it very quickly.

But, before I do that, I just want to say that I think what makes 1991 different from what FARA originally passed in 1938 is that the sums of money now spent to lobby Congress on issues of concern to private sector interests is vast compared to one-half century ago. I think it has gone up geometrically, and also the growing influence of foreign money focused on public decisions relating to trade and commercial transactions and other issues in our country has expanded exponentially as well. That's very different. I think there was more of a political twist back in the 1930's.

Our bill basically would ask FARA be amended to require written notification of all exemption claims. It does so by amending FARA in the section that deals with the attorney exemption clause to require registrants and potential registrants to file an affirmative request for exemption. As you know, the current act has some rather interesting exemptions, and they include diplomatic, humanitarian, commercial, and legal activities.

Back in 1966, when FARA was amended then, according to the committee report—and I found this interesting—the primary purpose of the 1966 amendments was to focus the, "pitiless spotlight of

publicity on efforts made on behalf of foreign principals to influence U.S. policies." But, we know even with those amendments as passed, according to the 1980 GAO report, 67 percent of the reports filed were late and 70 percent lacked essential data. All of the other GAO studies indicate that the filings are very incomplete and there is certainly no enforcement of existing law.

So, our proposal really goes at the heart of the registration activity. In addition to that, I think Congressman Guarini will be talking more about the clearinghouse and the lawyers' exemption. So, I will not go over that.

But, Mr. Chairman and members, I would ask your serious consideration of section 6 of our bill to disclose to the public the sources of influence affecting public decisions and assure the public's right to know, and that way we can truly assure democratic government based on open procedures and true sunshine.

I thank you.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you.

[The prepared statement, with attachments, of Ms. Kaptur follows:]

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSWOMAN MARCY KAPTUR
JULY 24, 1991 BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to testify today along with my colleague Rep. Frank Guarini of New Jersey on the need to reform the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

The subject of lobbying -- including lobbying by foreign interests -- has been of interest to me since 1985. It was at that time I first talked to businesspeople in my community that experienced deep reservations about ever dealing with the federal government. They did not trust the people who worked for it to keep proprietary information shared with them by U.S. firms involved in trade and business with foreign competitors. They had seen U.S. government employees go to work on behalf of their foreign competition. Others felt overwhelmed by the vast sums of money being spent by foreign competitors in Washington, D.C. to influence legislation related to their industry as it moved through key subcommittees.

I have since developed two bills to address this issue and in the process have concluded we must look squarely at how legislation is influenced in our country by those who can afford to pay huge sums to do so. The predisposition, however, has been to close our eyes to what is happening on the notion that commercial transactions are somehow worthy of special protection under the law. What makes 1991 different from 1938 when FARA was originally passed is that 1) the sums of money now spent to lobby Congress on issues of concern to private sector interests is vast compared to one-half century ago 2) the growing influence of foreign money focused on public decisions relating to trade and commercial transactions in the U.S. has expanded exponentially.

We all know, every year special interests spend millions of dollars to influence the U.S. political process. Foreign commercial interests have now been added to the mix due to changes in the global marketplace. For example, it is estimated Japan alone spends \$100 million a year on lobbying in Washington, D.C. as documented in the recent book Agents of Influence by Dr. Pat Choate. This money is spent on high powered lobbyists, many former U.S. government officials, or comes in the form of PAC contributions from foreign controlled corporations or their trade associations.

Today I would like to focus on H.R. 806, Ethics in Foreign Lobbying, which I developed with Rep. Guarini to bring within the public spotlight the growing influence of foreign money in the U.S. election cycle and to put a stop to it. germane to our discussion today, I want to specifically highlight section 6 of our bill which amends the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938. I will submit a summary of the entire bill for the record.

Our colleague Frank Guarini has already detailed our

proposal for a clearing house to collect in a central point existing publicly disclosed lobbying data. He has also explained the lawyers exemption clause of FARA. I would like to reiterate the extent of the problem and why this Committee should close this exemption.

FARA was enacted 1938 with the intent of protecting the sovereignty of the U.S. and maintaining a political system that reflects the will of our citizenry. It was specifically written to prevent covert foreign political influence and political espionage activities. It was also enacted to restrain the ability of foreign governments, individuals, organizations, and corporate entities to influence our domestic political system.

FARA required agents engaged in political activities on behalf of foreign principals to publicly report their activities and finances. The Act, amended in 1966, requires foreign agents to disclose their connections with foreign governments, foreign political parties, and other foreign principals, as well as the activities they perform on behalf of such principals in the U.S. Thus, FARA does not prohibit these activities, it just requires a very general registration of them. But the Act provides important exemptions to this registration. The specific exemptions include diplomatic, humanitarian, commercial, and legal activities. In other words, lobbyists who work for an American affiliate of a foreign company, for example, are exempted from filing. So are lawyers who provide legal work for a client, even if this work would be considered lobbying when it is performed by someone who is not a lawyer. In addition, the commercial exemption allows non-registration for those engaged only in "private and nonpolitical activities in furtherance of the bona fide trade or commerce" of a foreign principal. These exemptions have proven to be costly. In practice, the majority of lobbyists representing foreign interests, for any number of reasons, do not bother to register.

The GAO has examined FARA periodically. In 1974, the GAO suggested improvements in the administration and enforcement of FARA since incomplete reports were being filed in an untimely manner. A follow-up study in 1980 again noted that "persons were acting as foreign agents without registering, registered agents were not fully disclosing their activities, and officials in the executive branch were often unaware of the Act's requirements." The 1980 report indicated 67% of the reports filed were late and 70% lacked essential data.

In 1985, I was one of several Members of Congress to request a GAO study to document the extent of enforcement of FARA. The 1986 report that resulted again noted the limited enforcement of FARA and the many exemptions which relieve individuals from the obligation to register even though they represent foreign interests. The 1986 study identified 76 former high level government officials who represented foreign interests from 52 countries after leaving office between 1980 and 1985 but noted that the number is probably much greater.

In a 1990 report on The Department of Justice's administration of foreign agent registration, GAO identified that the Justice Department currently maintains files on only 775 foreign agents. We know the actual number is in the thousands. Because of loopholes in the law, many hundreds or thousands of lawyers are going about the business of representing foreign interests before public bodies without disclosing this fact. The GAO report further concluded that because the Department of Justice did not implement its earlier recommendations to require written notification to the Justice Department of all exemption claims prior to any agent activity, the Department has no information on exemptions. The public's right to know is being violated. The intent of the FARA law is being blatantly circumvented, I would venture to say, often at the expense of the national interest. Stricter disclosure and enforcement requirements are needed so no exemptions are permitted when the public's business is involved.

We are submitting for the record 48 pages of former federal officials who later represented foreign interests as well as Japan's registered foreign agents in America. We are also submitting from the 1986 GAO report 6 pages of names of former government officials who are also identified as registering as foreign agents. These lists are incomplete for two reasons. One, much of the existing information disclosed by registrants is difficult to locate and housed at a number of federal agencies and offices. More importantly, many foreign agents exempt themselves from ever registering; only extensive investigative research identifies who their clients are. Further, GAO, in its 1990 report, straightforwardly states that "foreign agents may not be registering." This is confirmed by Chuck Lewis, Director of the Center for Public Integrity and author of a study of the revolving door problem at the U.S. Trade Representatives entitled America's Frontline Trade Officials. His research disclosed that many former trade officials who were representing foreign interests were not registered as foreign agents. Interestingly, most of the people he interviewed who were not registered did register as a result of his inquiry. They had not bothered registering as long as no one noticed. Under the current system, unless uncovered by diligent and in-depth research of public minded citizens Choate or Lewis, no one would ever notice. Further, registrants are given far too much latitude in deciding what information they may choose to disclose, or if they must disclose at all. This is not in the best public interest. We must require full public disclosure of foreign lobbying activities while at the same time strengthening all lobbying registration and disclosure requirements. We all know the public's attitude about the absence of lobbying and the desire to know who is influencing legislation and key Administration decisions.

FARA not only allows exemptions, but foreign agents are not even required to notify the Justice Department when they want to exempt themselves. Our bill specifically addresses this shortfall. It implements GAO's recommendations to Justice in its 1980 report

and again in its 1990 report to amend FARA to require written notification of all exemption claims. H.R. 806 does this in section 6 by amending the Foreign Agents Registration Act attorney exemption clause to require registrants and potential registrants to file an affirmative request for exemption.

In addition, the Act amends FARA by changing the reporting period from 6 months to calendar quarters, which addresses GAO's concerns about the lack of timeliness of the filing of the reports. GAO was further concerned about the lack of fulfilling the Act's goal of providing the public with sufficient information on foreign agents and their activities. The creation of the clearinghouse addresses this concern.

Our clearinghouse would bring sunshine on all the information that is currently disclosed. Important to the clearinghouse provision is section 6 of H.R. 806 which closes the disclosure loopholes in FARA. This change would improve the quality of the reported information by requiring all foreign agents to register, and give us complete information on whose interests lobbyists are representing.

If FARA is to have effect and treat all interest groups similarly, the amendments we have suggested are essential. Only then can we assure we are disclosing to the public the sources of influence affecting public decisions and assure "the public's right to know."

Thank you.

Information from a book by Pat Choate entitled, Agents of Influence, published in 1990 by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

APPENDIX A

Former Federal Officials Who Later Represented Foreign Interests (A Partial List of Officeholders, 1960-1990)

AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEE AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ² (1960-1990)	Appendix A
Alberger, William R.	Int'l. Trade Comm.	Chairman	Carvey, Schubert and Baver	Japan Deep Sea Trawler SONATRACH China Ocean Shipping Japan Fisheries Assn. Kidd Creek Mines Energy Resources	Japan Algeria China Japan Australia Australia	\$ 174,847 33,886 38,847 30,983 — — — — — —	Appendix A
			Bishop, Corb	Sagino Cycle, Inc. Sakai Storage Co. Coca Comm. Imp./Exp.	Japan Japan Brazil	— — — — — — — — —	
Aldeman, Grant	Dept. of State	Spec. Asst. to Under Secy. for Econ. Affairs	Miller & Chevrolet	Government of Canada	Canada	500,000	
Aldridge, Dana	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Hill & Knowlton	Hyundai Motor America Int'l. Reporting and Info.	South Korea Int'l.	425,081 — — —	
				Prince Talal Republic of Korea Government of Canada Govt./Majah. of Turkey	Saudi Arabia South Korea Canada Turkey	— — — — — — — — — — — —	
Allen, Richard V.	White House	Natl. Security Advisor	Richard V. Allen Company	Seoul Olympic Org. Com. Chinese Assn. Int'l. and Comm. Panama Canal Study Corp. Alitalia Baden-Württemberg Dev. Korean Overseas Information Service	South Korea Taiwan Japan Italy W. Germany South Korea	974,000 1,500,000 550,000 84,736 58,944 — — —	
Alton, Thomas	Dept. of Transp.	General Counsel	Frederic Thurgood	Government of Nauru	Nauru	300,076	
Altshuler, Irvin	Dept. of Treasury	Atty., OE of Reg. Council, U.S. Customs Service	Brownstein, Zuckman	Comara de la Industria de Transformacion Vitrocorin Cristaleria	Mexico Mexico	80,007 — — —	Appendix A
Amerine, David	Dept. of Commerce	Atty., OE of Gen. Council	Brownstein, Zuckman	Comara de la Industria de Transformacion	Mexico	80,007	
Anderson, Joan	Dept. of Commerce	Chief Counsel, Int'l. Trade	Wool, Gatchel and Morgan	Noranda	Canada	— — —	

Note: All those listed in Appendix A have submitted signed registration statements—now form OMB 1105-0013—or other personally signed contracts for representation with the Foreign Agent Registration Act/Public Office of the United States Department of Justice.

In some cases, the names of several firms may appear with the name of a single individual. This indicates that the individual worked for more than one firm after leaving public office. In those cases, the receipts shown were received by the firm with which the individual was associated only during the period the individual worked with that firm, and only for the time the agent was registered to represent that client. For each agent who worked with multiple firms, the firms are listed in reverse chronological order.

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEE AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ² (1962-1968)
Appelbaum, Judith	Fed. Trade Comm.	Adviser to Cmear.	Retchler, Chaste, Appelbaum & Wipman	Republic of Nicaragua United Coconut Ass.	Nicaragua Philippines	\$ 1,811,872 146,000
			Powell, Caldwell	Republic of Nicaragua	Nicaragua	474,780
Arky, M. Elizabeth	House of Reps.	Staff, Telecom. and Finance Subcomm.	Whitrop, Stinson	Norsk Papperstusfabrik Kongsberg Vapensfabrik	Norway Norway	33,937 — —
Armstrong, Philip	Dept. of Ed.	Dep. Asst. Secy. for Pub. Affairs	Hill & Knowlton	Palm Oil Reg. and Licensing Sofabulda Ind.	Malaysia Japan	308,370 110,317
Bafalis, Louis A.	House of Reps.	Member of Comm.	Evans Group	Republic of Cyprus	Cyprus	156,171
Bailey, Norman A.	White House	Spec. Asst./Pres.	Kaplan, Rostin and Vodki	Govt. of Venezuela	Venezuela	178,049
			KRV Intl.	Presidential Campaign of Fidel Chavez Gama	El Salvador	35,900
			Colby, Bailey	ADICAL Latin Amer. Iron & Steel Manufacture Auth./Singapore Embassy of Japan Companhia de Tubario Emb. of Repub. of Korea	Brazil Chile Singapore Japan Brazil South Korea	60,000 11,925 100,950 18,000 88,880 60,500
Bailey, Frodo C.	White House	Spec. Asst./Pres.	Michael E. Dwyer Associates	Royal Ench. of Saudi Arabia Intl. Cult. Soc./Korea Dawson Corporation CBI Sugar Group, Inc. Mtn. Comm. and Intl. Dev't. Embassy of Canada	Saudi Arabia South Korea South Korea Latin America Mexico Canada	375,000 357,840 104,772 300,000 68,900 100,500
Bannerman, M. Clarence	U.S. Senate	Staff Director, For. Rel. Comm.	Bannerman and Associates	Govt. of Bangladesh Govt. of Tunisia Govt. of Philippines Embassy of Lebanon Philipp. Coconut Auth. Arab Repub. of Egypt	Bangladesh Tunisia Philippines Lebanon Philippines Egypt	182,800 180,314 128,000 184,841 49,180 — —
Barto, Patricia	White House	Dep. Press Secy.	Barto-Marsteller	Saudi Basic Industries Sulphate of Brazil Petroles de Venezuela INTELSAT Stora Magman	Saudi Arabia Brazil Venezuela Intl. W. Germany	640,120 370,950 41,858 31,795 33,910
Barnes, William	House of Reps.	Staff Director, Asia/Pacif. Subcomm.	Japan Econ. Inst.	Government of Japan	Japan	— —
Barnes, Michael	House of Reps.	Member of Comm.	Arrest, Fox	Otsukumpu Oy Potash Corp./Netherlands Intl. Computers Toyota Motor Corp. Umsershergheun GmbH Sony Corporation Neptune Orient Line	Japan Canada Gr. Britain Japan W. Germany Japan Singapore	347,540 503,043 8,900 — — — — — — — —
Bayh, Birch E.	U.S. Senate	Senator	Rivkin, Radler	NYK Line	Japan	185,815

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OR EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FIRM AND EXPOSITIONS PAID TO FIRM ² (1980-1990)	213
Bayless, James	Dept. of Commerce	Dep. Asst. Secy., Cong. Affairs	Albin, Gump	INTELSAT Embassy of the PRC	Ind. China	\$ 601,440 171,860	Appendix A
Brall, James A.	House of Reps.	Staff Coord., Ways and Means Comm.	Ball, Jack & Norwich	Fujitsu Microtech.	Japan	4,005	
Brill, Judith H.	Dept. of Commerce	Policy Dep./OE of Dep. Asst. Secy., Import Adm.	O'Melveny & Myers	Ann. Téléph./Télégr. Inds.	France	11,800	
Brennett, Alan R.	U.S. Senate	Comm./Govt. Affairs	Kaye, Schuler	Elsevier Int. Publns.	Netherlands	890,000	
Bryant, Samuel R.	Dept. of State	Deputy Director, Policy Planning	Hagan & Hartman	Underwriters at Lloyd's Commonw. of Bahamas Ind. Coun. Pers. Lines Daimler-Benz AG Embassy of Japan Government of Poland Coca-Cola Shipowners	Gr. Britain Bahamas Ind. W. Germany Japan Poland Ind.	43,890 36,860 87,176 5,797 — — —	
Berkwit, Leonard	Nuclear Reg. Comm.	Gen. Counsel	Miller & Chevalier	Republic of France	France	86,360	
Bierch, John E.	Dept. of State	Dir. Near East/ South Asian Affairs	Neill & Co.	Arab Repub. of Egypt Government of Kenya Kingdom of Morocco Kingdom of Jordan	Egypt Kenya Morocco Jordan	726,000 707,000 600,000 440,000	
				Israel Repub. of Palestine Government of Guinea Government of Jamaica Government of Liberia China Trade Dev't. Coord. Govt. of Côte d'Ivoire Africa Dev't. Bank Banning Uranium Ltd. Korea Free Trade Assn.	Pakistan Guinea Jamaica Liberia China Côte d'Ivoire Ind. Namibia South Korea	300,000 150,000 75,000 — — — — — —	
Bliss, Julia Christine	White House	Asst. Gen. Counsel, Off. of U.S. Trade Rep.	Wadgin, Ross	Toshiko Corporation Govt. of Hong Kong Japan Lumber Importers Sovcomdet	Japan Hong Kong Japan USSR	11,108,514 916,778 35,195 —	Appendix A
Bloom, Barbara	EPA	Deputy Admin.	Direction International	AB Volvo TRE Konsulter AB	Sweden Sweden	— —	
Borchert, David	White House	Spec. Asst. to Pres. for Leg. Affairs	Bergner, Boyette and Borchert	Coord. Coord., N. Amer. Affairs Republic of Korea	Taiwan South Korea	153,000 20,540	
Bode, Dennis A.	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Cold & Leibvogel	Thomson-CSF, Inc. Fut. SpA Roth	France Italy Japan	307,840 715,268 84,545	
Boudarant, Amy	U.S. Senate	Comm., Comm. Comm.	Vornor, Litzfert	Metro Aerospace	France	203,808	
Bur, Robert M.	House of Reps.	Chf. Comm., Agr. Comm.	Bishop, Cook	CSR, Ltd.	Australia	160,676	
Boyette, Van R.	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Bergner, Boyette	China Enter. Trade	Taiwan	—	

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AGENT	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEES AND EXPENSES PAID TO FIRM* (1960-1969)	11
Brady, Lawrence	Dept. of Commerce	Asst. Secy., Trade Adm.	Hill & Knowlton	N.H. Bell Bearings/Mitsuba Airbus Industrie N. Amer. Republic of Turkey Elec. Inds. Assn./Japan Korean Airlines Schubert Intl. NEC Corporation Republic of Korea Brother, Inc.	Japan European Comm. Turkey Japan South Korea Japan Japan South Korea Japan	\$ 599,997 497,147 1,815,954 311,198 398,884 156,317 848,846 823,641 61,384	V Appendix
Breglin, Vincent	U.S. Senate	Exec. Dir., Rep. Campaign Coms.	Steen Davis Intl.	Arab Repub. of Egypt	Egypt	\$6,000	
Bruck, William E.	White House Dept. of Labor	U.S. Trade Rep. Secretary	The Brock Group	Bd. For Trade/Repub. of China Airbus Industrie N. Amer. Panama Trade Devt. Com.	Taiwan European Comm. Panama	\$46,000 75,000 — — —	
Brown, Bernard	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Porton, Briggs & Blow	Saboteurs of Oman Duty Free Shoppers, Ltd. Hampton-Windsor Republic of Gabon Japan Air Lines Aline de Alexandria E. Paleto y Cia Republic of Haiti	Oman Hong Kong Zaire Gabon Japan Costa Rica Venezuela Haiti	— —	
Burke, Kelly H.	U.S. Air Force	Lieut. Gen. (Ret.)	Stafford, Dahn and Hocher	Sundstrom Corporation Overlase-Burke Mach.	Japan Switzerland	\$66,000 43,799	
Bushong, David W.	U.S. Senate	Minor Comm., Intelligence Coms.	Gold & Liebergand	Flit. SpA Boretti USA Corp. Thomson-CSF, Inc. Black BAA, plc	Italy Italy/Belgium France Japan Gr. Britain	\$66,937 136,458 837,893 34,794 47,849	V Appendix
Callahan, Michael	Intl. Trade Comm.	Commissioner & Vice Chairman	Leach, Washington	Assoc. de Exporters RENFE Govt. of Antigua/Barbuda Hemri Slat	Spain Antigua/Barbuda Lebanon	\$65,793 888,388 45,000	
Cannon, William Stephen	Dept. of Justice	Dep. Asst. Atty. Gen./Assistant	Winkler, Ryan, Cannon & Thelen	Hongshui Tire Manuf. Kor. Mutual Instrument Assn.	South Korea South Korea	— — — — — —	
Cannert, Joseph W.	White House	Dep. Asst. Chf. of Staff	Joseph W. Cannert	Industrial Equity (Pacific) Ltd.	New Zealand	— — —	
Cartwright, Summer	House of Reps.	House Aide	Vernon, Liljefort	Cannert Company Corpus Intl. Trust Inst. of Financial/Plural Studies	Grenada Netherlands Antilles Netherlands Antilles	— — — 39,837 — — —	
Carrv, Thomas J.	Fed. Commun. Comm.	Dep. CM/ Commun. Carrier Bureau	Mintz, Levin	Common. Ind. Assn./Japan	Japan	795,315	

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	POSIBLE POSITION	FIRM OR EMPLOYMENT	POSITION CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEE AND EXPENSES/TIMES PAID TO FIRM ² (1980-1989)	316
Casady, Robert	White House	Gen. Coun., OE of U.S. Trade Rep.	Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering	Lufthansa AG Comm. of Eur. Comm. Govt./Fed. Repub. of Germany	W. Germany Commun. W. Germany	\$ 7,745,538 455-907 — — —	Appendix A
			Kaye, Scholer	Elektor Set. Publics Comm. of Eur. Comm.	Netherlands European Comm.	665,793 — — —	
Castillo, A. Mario	House of Reps.	Agr. Coun. Staff	Artis & Hadden	Union of Agr. Coops./ZENCHU	Japan	605,181	
Chapoton, John E.	Dept. of Treasury	Asst. Secy./Tol Policy	Vinson & Elkins	Atlys. Liability Assur. Soc. Canadian Banknote Co. Canadian Security Printers	Bermuda Canada Canada	15,490 57,510 — — —	
			John E. Chapoton	Paribas Asset Mgmt.	France	20,676	
Church, Frank	U.S. Senate	Senator & Chmn., For. Rel. Coun.	Whitman & Bennett	Japan Ext. Trade Org. Daiwa Steel Tube Inds. Govt./Repub. of China	Japan South Korea Taiwan	57,944 8,488 — — —	
Chrost, John	House of Reps.	House Aide	Chrost/Wiegand	Edwards M. Cohnsagen, Jr.	Philippines	— — —	
Cohen, Edward B.	White House	Dep. Spec. Asst./Pres.	Devitt Wright Treasurer	American Honda Motor Co.	Japan	31,781	
Cohen, Scott	U.S. Senate	Staff Dir., For. Rel. Coun.	Calbert A. Robinson, Inc.	INTELSAT	Intl.	37,881	

Couper, David S.	White House	Asst. U.S. Trade Rep., Bilateral Affairs	Crowell & Moring International	Bd. For. Trade/Repub. of China Samsung Electronics Sing. Trade Dev't. Bd. Government of Thailand Wachser Microvite Corp. UN Conf. on Trade Korea For. Trade Assn. Milit. Assn. of Israel Industrial R&D Corp. Ministry of Ind./Trade	Taiwan South Korea Singapore Thailand Israel Intl. South Korea Israel Israel Israel	547,513 168,856 155,000 52,579 30,380 10,000 78,000 1,000 — — — — — —	Appendix A
			Michael E. Deaver Assistant	CBF Sugar Group, Inc. Government of Canada	Latin America Canada	300,000 100,000	
Capeland, James M., Jr.	White House	Dep. Asst./Pres. Cong. Rel.	McAuliffe, Kelly, Balford & Stevens	Emb. of Repub. of Turkey	Turkey	— — —	
Coble, William J. III	Dept. of Defense	Atty., OE of Secy./Gen. Couns.	King & Spalding	Agro Holding, AG Elex Corporation Ind. Elektronik Agro Agro USA, Inc.	Switzerland Switzerland Switzerland Switzerland	— — — — — — — — — — — —	
Cowan, Mark D.	Central Intel- ligence Agency	Asst. Leg. Couns.	Jefferson Group	Labovore Inds. & Research Center Mgmt. Planning/Research Stallins Apple Centre.	Liechten Bahrain Italy	— — — — — — — — —	
	Dept. of Labor	Chf. of Staff to Secy. Ray Dawson	Hill & Knowlton	Republic of Turkey Min./For. Affairs, Govt. of Iceland	Turkey Iceland	31,908 600,000	
Crow, M. Victoria	U.S. Congress	Leg. Asst., Dem. Study Grp.	Bell, Jenik & Norwich	Fujitsu Microelec.	Japan	48,935	

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AGENT	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FORM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEES AND EXPENSES PAID TO AGENT (1980-1985)	110
Culver, John C.	U.S. Senate	Senator	Agent, Fox	Toyota Motor Corp. Outokumpu Oy Shimizu Construction Umschlagshafen GmbH Lars Krogsh & Co. Varela, Edelshelbwerke Patten & Morgan Corp.	Japan Japan Australia W. Germany Germany W. Germany Gr. Britain	\$ 1,100,000 941,300 200,000 80,100 20,000 20,000 5,100	Appendix A
Culver, Lloyd H.	White House	Consult to Pres.	Witness, Culver and Picketing	Lothman AG Hagag-Lloyd AEG-Kaale Turbinenfabrik Com. of the Eur. Comm. Kingdom of Netherlands Govt. of Tibet in Exile Govt./Fed. Repub. of Germany	W. Germany W. Germany W. Germany European Comm. Netherlands Tibet W. Germany	8,711,000 810,700 151,700 100,000 90,000 30,000 —	
Dehaigh, William	Dept. of Transp.	Dir., Cong. Affairs	Arter & Hadden	Union of Agr. Corps./ZENCHU	Japan	107,300	
Dalley, George A.	Dept. of State	Dep. Asst. Secy., Intl. Affairs	Hull & Co.	Government of Kenya Arab Repub. of Egypt Kingdom of Jordan Government of Lebanon Kingdom of Morocco Government of Jamaica Govt. of Cote d'Ivoire China Trade Devt. Conf. Government of Liberia Africa Devt. Bank Banking Union Ltd. Korea Free Trade Assn.	Kenya Egypt Jordan Lebanon Morocco Jamaica Cote d'Ivoire China Liberia Intl. Honduras South Korea	100,000 200,000 100,000 70,000 — — — — — — — — —	
Deming, Richard	Dept. of Defense	Dep. Asst. Secy.	Lothman & Watkins	Darwen Industrial Co.	South Korea	1,341,000	Appendix A
Davis, Mendel J.	House of Rep.	Member of Cong.	Davis, Whitner	Alco, NY	Netherlands	40,000	
Dwyer, Michael K.	White House	Asst. to Pres. and Dep. Chf. of Staff	Michael K. Dwyer Associates	Intl. Coll. Sec./Korea Royal Econ. of South Arabia CMI Super Group, Inc. Embassy of Canada	South Korea South Arabia Latin America Canada	270,770 270,000 300,000 100,000	
Dwyer, James P.	Dept. of Justice	Chf. Asst. / Assistant	Alco, Corp	INTELSAT	Intl.	20,000	
Dwyer/A, Richard	Dept. of Commerce	Dep. Asst. Secy.	Global USA	Komatsu Corporation Furukawa, Ltd. Hitachi, Ltd. All Nippon Airways Mitsubishi, Ltd. Japan Aircraft Devt. Co. Kawasaki Corporation Repub. of South Africa Vaux-Agip Intl. Corp. and Devt.	Japan Japan Japan Japan Japan Japan Japan South Africa Austria Austria	100,000 800,000 800,000 700,000 700,000 700,000 700,000 100,000 — —	
Defenderfer, William	U.S. Senate	Chf. of Staff, Finance Comm.	Wendler, Ryan, Cannon & Thibault	Ad Hoc Inter. Group	Bermuda	170,300	Appendix A
Dolan, Michael W.	Dept. of Justice	Dep. Asst. Atty. Gen., Off. of Leg. Affairs	Winkler, Stinson	Inventors' Assn. Uddelsholm AB	Sweden Sweden	140,710 77,700	

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT DEPT.	PUBLIC POSITION	FORM OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION CLIENT	COUNTRY	1980 EXPENDITURE PAID TO FIRM ² (1980-1982)	121
Dennelly, Thomas R., Jr.	White House	Spec. Asst./ Pres., Legislation	Private & Dennelly	Stokes/Defense/Algonquin Steel Corp. Govt./Republic of Thailand	Canada Thailand	\$ 25,000 70,000	Appendix A
Dowley, Joseph E.	House of Reps.	Chf. Comm., Ways and Means Comm.	Dowley, Ballentine	Bank of Republic of Turkey	Turkey	100,000	
Dowson, Robert L.	Dept. of State	Dir. of Spec. Proj., E. Asia/ Pac. Affairs	Neill & Co.	Government of Kenya Arab Repub. of Egypt Kingdom of Jordan Government of Lebanon Kingdom of Morocco Government of Jamaica Govt. of Cote d'Ivoire China Trade Dev't. Cncl. Africa Dev't. Bank Rising Uranium Ltd. Korea Free Trade Assn.	Kenya Egypt Jordan Lebanon Morocco Jamaica Cote d'Ivoire China Israel Namibia South Korea	100,000 100,000 100,000 75,000 — — — — — — — —	
Durant, Andrew G.	House of Reps.	Press Secy., Rep. Coleman	Hill & Knowlton	Ferruzzi Pharmaceuticals Auto Int. Telecomm.	Italy Hong Kong	700,000 —	
Elmendorf, Stuart	White House	Asst. to Pres./ Domestic Policy	Powell, Goldstein	Hirsch, Ltd. INTELSAT Sec. Cde. de Surveillance Embassy of Morocco Republic of Nicaragua	Japan Israel Switzerland Morocco Nicaragua	1,001,000 200,000 171,000 0,000 0,000	Appendix B
Elliot, Richard	Dept. of State	Atty/Advisor	Paul, Weiss	NEC Corp./NEC America Korea Fed. of Textile Ind.	Japan South Korea	0,000,000 010,000	
Ehr, Guy Felix	Agency for Int'l. Dev't.	Deputy Dir.	CFE, Ltd.	Korea Iron and Steel Assn. Comptel/Amstar Ind. DESC Comercio Exterior Directorate, SC	South Korea Mexico Mexico Mexico	27,000 27,000 47,000 —	
Evans, Billy Lee	House of Reps.	Member of Cong.	Hochst, Spencer and Associates	Hong Kong Trade Dev't. Cncl. Govt./Republic of Panama Freedom and Justice/Cyprus	Hong Kong Panama Cyprus	1,000,000 300,000 110,000	
Evans, Thomas B.	House of Reps.	Member of Cong.	Evans Group	Republic of Cyprus Fed. Repub. of Nigeria Former President Maflets	Cyprus Nigeria Dominican Republic	100,171 100,000 00,000 —	Appendix B
			Manetti, Phelps	Republic of China Republic of Cyprus NEC Corporation Government of Jamaica	Taiwan Cyprus Japan Jamaica	— 000,000 000,000 100,000	
			O'Connor & Hansen	U.E. Mutual Assn. CKLW Radio Broadcasting W. Eng. Shipowners Mutual Government of Jamaica	Bermuda Canada Gr. Britain Jamaica	— — — —	
Fairbanks, Richard M. III	Dept. of State	Asst. Secy., Spec. Negot., MidEast Peace Process, and Arab-AI-Large	Paul, Hastings	Kato Manufacturing Embassy of Iraq Fujitsu Microelec.	Japan Iraq Japan	000,000 200,000 00,000	

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEES AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO DISBURS (1960-1969)	222
Farrall, J. Michael	Dept. of Energy	Gen. Counsel	Global USA	Komatsu, Ltd. Furukawa, Ltd. Mitsubishi Corporation Kyoritsu Corporation Repub. of Ropphothawana All Nippon Airways Japan Aircraft Dev't. Co.	Japan Japan Japan Japan Ropphothawana Japan Japan	\$ 215,500 300,000 200,000 300,000 187,000 100,000 87,500	Appendix A
Fein, Bruce	Fed. Commun. Comm.	Gen. Counsel	Hill & Knowlton	Republic of Turkey Liberal Democratic Party Kingdom of Morocco Govt. of Ceylon Islands Government of Angola Korean Airlines Côte d'Azur Dev't. N. H. Bull Bearings/Mitsubishi	Turkey Japan Morocco Ceylon Islands Angola South Korea France Japan	729,000 2,650,000 897,000 198,114 20,000 78,805 11,000 -- 00 --	Appendix A
Frith, Douglas J.	Dept. of Defense	Dep. Asst. Secy./Negotia. Policy	International Advisers, Inc.	Emb. of Repub. of Turkey	Turkey	875,000	
Feldman, Mark B.	Dept. of State	Legal Advisor	International Advisers, Inc.	Emb. of Repub. of Turkey	Turkey	875,000	
Ferris, Charles	Fed. Commun. Comm.	Chairman	Mintz, Levin	Common. Ind. Assn./Japan	Japan	706-315	
Finkel, Henrietta	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	McAuliffe, Kelly	Emb. of Repub. of Turkey	Turkey	-- 00 --	
			Heron, Burchette	CRI Sugar Group, Inc. NovAtel Communications Thai Steel Pipe Assn. St. Lawrence Cement AgroQuintana de Guatemala Ind. Maritime Satellite Yamachi Securities Canada Cement Lafarge Island Cement St. Mary's Cement Asia Satellite Telecomm. Dahua Securities	Latin America Canada Thailand Canada Guatemala Ind. Japan Canada Canada Canada Hong Kong Japan	205,023 243,000 110,001 45,000 30,713 20,000 10,000 15,010 13,000 3,000 5,000 5,500	
Fisher, Michael	House of Reps.	Staff Dir., Intl. Oper. Subcomm.	Hemisphere Assoc.	Embassy of El Salvador C.R. Assn. Bus./Entrep.	El Salvador Costa Rica	13,300 -- 00 --	Appendix A
Fortune, Terence	Dept. of State	Asst. Legal Advisor	Paul, Weiss	NEC Corp./NEC America Consol. Gold Fields Korea Fed. Textile Ind. Repub. of Botswana Korea Iron and Steel Assn. Hyundai Heavy Ind.	Japan Gr. British South Korea Botswana South Korea South Korea	4,646,704 5,444,070 114,000 51,314 37,000 1,000	
Fox, J. Edward	Dept. of State	Asst. Secy./Leg. Affairs	Mintz, Levin	Common. Ind. Assn./Japan	Japan	80,000	
Frank, Richard A.	Natl. Oceanic & Atmos- pheric Agency	Administrator	Richard A. Frank Law Office	Japan Fisheries Assn.	Japan	50,005	

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEE AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ² (1980-1990)
Frank, Richard A. (cont'd)	Natl. Oceanic & Atmos- pheric Agency	Administrator	Ginsburg, Feldman and Brown	Kingdom of Morocco	Morocco	\$ 250,000
			Wald, Hartrader	Japan Fisheries Assn.	Japan	\$16,710
Freedman, Matthew	Dept. of State	Spec. Asst., Program and Policy Coord.	Black, Manafort	Govt. of St. Lucia Govt. of Barbados Govt. of Dominican Republic	St. Lucia Barbados Dominican Republic	— — — — — — — — —
Friedberg, Ronna	White House	Cong. Liaison	HR & Knowledge	Republic of Turkey Cite d'Amir Dervic Kingdom of Morocco Government of Angola Govt. of Cayman Islands Palm Oil Reg. and Licensing Airbus Industrie N. Amer. Ann. Advmt. Human Rights Hambro/Harper, Pinsky	Turkey France Morocco Angola Cayman Islands Malaysia European Comm. Japan Gr. Britain	3,807,800. 27,000 297,500 20,000 200,000 250,000 250,000 250,000 250,000 250,000 250,000 250,000
Forman, Harold W.	Dept. of Interior	Dep. Asst. Secy.	Horus, Buchette	Assoc. Export de Plumes St. Lawrence Cement CIN Sugar Group, Inc. Ganster Cement Japan Tobacco Mitsubishi Electric Lake Ontario Cement Canada Cement Lafarge St. Mary's Cement Ann. Advmt. Human Rights	Columbia Canada Latin America Canada Japan Japan Canada Canada Canada Japan	1,001,250 1,000,000 433,000 70,000 100,000 100,000 70,000 100,000 100,000 100,000
				RSV Mining Equipment All Nippon Airways	Netherlands Japan	10,300 9,300
Gibbons, Clifford	White House	Spec. Asst. to U.S. Trade Rep.	Hogan & Hartson	Commonwealth of Bahamas Government of Ontario Underwriters at Lloyd's Aermacchi Embassy of Japan Intl. Cmte. Pass. Lines Canl. Ex./Jap. Shipowners	Bahamas Canada Gr. Britain Italy Japan Intl. Intl.	644,411 471,200 401,000 200,000 181,700 178,101 3,000
Gifford, Doris	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Swidler & Berlin	Hyundai Motor Co.	South Korea	253,700
Gold, Martin B.	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Gold & Liebowgood	Intl. Gold Corp. Pan. SpA Risch	South Africa Italy Japan	51,100 700,000 — — —
Gold, Peter F.	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Whitrop, Stinson	Kongsberg Vapourdrift	Norway	7,000
			Welford, Wegman	Embassy of Canada	Canada	497,000
Goldfield, H. F.	Dept. of Commerce	Asst. Secy./ Trade Devt.	Swidler & Berlin	Hyundai Motor Co.	South Korea	253,700
Gould, Rebecca	House of Reps.	Asst. Minor, Comm., Energy and Comm. Com.	Vorwer, Lipfert	Couatl. Grain and Barge Metro Aerospace	Japan France	80,300 200,000
Grisso, Michael	House of Reps.	House Aide	Pagano & Donnelly	Govt./Repub. of Trinidad	Trinidad	70,000

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT OFFICE	PUBLIC POSITION	FORM OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION CLIENT	COUNTRY	FIRM AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ² 1980-1981
Hardee, David W.	U. S. Senate	Minor. Tax Comm., Finance Comm.	Akin, Comp	Fujitsu, Ltd. Hoylake Investments Fujitsu America Gravel Metropolitan PLC Bank of Nova Scotia Fujitsu Microelec. Sagami International Plessey Co. PLC Tate & Lyle PLC	Japan Bermuda Japan Gr. Britain Canada Japan Israel Gr. Britain Gr. Britain	\$ 977,878 417,880 142,308 98,178 54,827 74,085 13,885 — na — — na —
Hathaway, Michael	U. S. Senate	Staff Dir., Energy and Nat. Resources Comm.	United Intl Consultants	Embassy of S. Africa	South Africa	1,898,878
Hawkins, Edward	U. S. Senate	Chf. Tax Comm., Finance Comm.	Squire, Sanders and Dempsey	Embassy of Belgium	Belgium	38,951
Herman, Bruce	U. S. Senate	Senate Aide	Proton, Thurgimann	Inst. Lat. del Fiero/Acevo	Chile	— na —
Hirshke, Mark	U. S. Senate	Senate Aide	Bukman, Lake, Lover & Montgomery	Hoylake Investments Friends/Democr. in Pakistan Indian Deas. Alliance	Bermuda Pakistan Pakistan	439,410 101,000 16,900
Hirshke, Curtis	Dept. of Treasury	Asst. Secy./ Economics	Paul, Weiss	Nippon Electric Co.	Japan	145,845
Hickshead, William	U. S. Senate	Secy. of Senate	Gold & Liebenberg	Flat. SpA Intl. Gold Corp.	Italy South Africa	788,833 51,189
Hirschhorn, Eric	Dept. of Commerce	Dep. Asst. Secy./Export Adm.	Bishop, Cook	CSR, Ltd. RAY Industries Valve Co. BV Patum PTY, Ltd. Prof. Alfred Zabo	Australia Gr. Britain Netherlands Australia E. Germany	858,019 55,887 38,111 4,894 4,888
Hurlich, Gary	Dept. of Commerce	Dep. Asst. Secy./Import Adm.	O'Melveny & Myers	CRA, Ltd. Government of Canada Broken Hill Proprietary Perteco Pizzanaglio Brewers Assn. of Canada Eur. Chem. Ind. Fed. German Chem. Ind. Assn. Assn. Téléph./Télégr. Inds. Nippon Steel	Australia Canada Australia Italy Canada Indl. W. Germany France Japan	190,835 486,860 338,534 188,978 78,161 68,870 19,970 11,908 — na —
Huddleston, Walter	U. S. Senate	Senator	Hill & Knowlton	Republic of Turkey	Turkey	— na —
Hymel, Gary	House of Rep.	House Aide	Hill & Knowlton	Natl. Dev't. Info. Off. Côte d'Ivoire Dev't. Republic of Korea Hyundai Motor America Sec. Gén. de Surveillance Palm Oil Reg. and Licensing Govt. of Ceylon Islands Airebus Industrie N. Amer.	Indonesia France South Korea South Korea Switzerland Malaysia Ceyman Islands European Coman.	3,755,400 87,884 825,441 893,479 800,178 489,858 884,830 561,518
				Nintendo of America Sawara Bank, Ltd. Marchetti America Corp. Assn. Advmt. Human Rights Korean Airlines	Japan Japan Japan Japan South Korea	408,773 375,954 138,798 60,000 894,808

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AGENT*	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PEOPLE POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FIRM AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ² (1968-1980)	201
Hyslop, Gary (cont'd)	House of Reps.	House Aide	Hill & Knowlton	Government of Angola Martin Baker Airways Kuwait Fed/State Po Embassy of Venezuela Prince Talal Republic of Turkey INTELSAT Portals, Inc. Sales Dry Cargo Liberal Democratic Party	Angola Gr. Britain Kuwait Venezuela Saudi Arabia Turkey Isrl. Gr. Britain Sweden Japan	\$ 80,000 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --	Appendix A
Jacks, Leslie A.	White House	Spec. Asst./Pres. and Dep. Press Secy.	Neff & Co.	Kingdom of Morocco Kingdom of Jordan Arab Repub. of Egypt Isrl. Repub. of Pakistan Government of Kenya Government of Guinea Government of Guinea Govt./Dem. Repub. of India Govt. of El Salvador INTELSAT Government of Jamaica	Morocco Jordan Egypt Pakistan Kenya Guinea Guinea Sudan El Salvador Isrl. Jamaica	1,200,000 1,000,000 1,000,000 300,000 251,700 107,000 75,000 60,000 5,000 -- -- -- --	
Jarvis, Patricia	Dept. of Health and Human Servs.	Spec. Asst., OE of Legat.	Gold & Liebowitz	Bevco USA Corp. Fiat, SpA Thomson-CSF, Inc. Roth	Italy/Belgium Italy France Japan	120,000 400,000 970,500 26,700	
Jernings, Harvey	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Neff & Co.	Kingdom of Morocco Government of Kenya Government of Guinea	Morocco Kenya Guinea	-- -- -- -- -- --	
Julia, Susan B.	Civ. Airo. Bd.	Assoc. Coun. Attendant and Litigation	Calland, Kharouch	Government of Jamaica Govt. of Cote d'Ivoire Ethiopia Trade Dev't. Coun. Africa Dev't. Bank Rising Uranium Ltd. Euro For. Trade Assn. Kingdom of Jordan	Jamaica Cote d'Ivoire Ethiopia Isrl. Nairobi South Korea Jordan	-- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --	
				Air Jamaica Orient Airlines Assn. Wallmart Lines H.K. Aircraft Engineering Israel Aircraft Ind. Souda, SA	Jamaica Philippines Sweden Hong Kong Israel France	400,000 120,000 100,000 21,700 27,000 8,000	
				SMC International	All Nippon Airways	Japan	20,000
				Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin	Toshiko Corporation	Japan	100,000
				Monett, Phelps	Republic of Cyprus NBC Corporation	Cyprus Japan	274,400 470,400
				Foley & Lardner	Holland Sweetener Co.	Netherlands	-- --
				Vinson & Elkins	Vibro, SA	Mexico	2,001,400
				Thorens Kestinger	Belg. Endive Mtg. Bd.	Belgium	8,100
				Thorens Kestinger	Belg. Endive Mtg. Bd.	Belgium	8,100

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AGENT	GOVERNMENT ORGAN	PUBLIC POSITION	TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEE AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ¹ (1966-1968)	201
Kirschbaum, Bruce	White House	Dep. Spec. Asst. to Pres. for Intergovt. Affairs	Stromberg & Stromberg	Chemungung For. Trade/Chemists Pharm. and Chem. Bank Hojodan	Hungary Israel	\$ 32,480 — 00 —	Appendix V
Kopp, George B.	House of Reps.	Chf. Couns., Subcom. on Nat. Resources	Global USA	Hatch, Ltd. All Nippon Airways Famco, Ltd. Hyundai Motor America Jap. Fed. Constr. Contr. Japan Aircraft Devt. Co. Kamatsu Corp. Kysun Corp. Mach, Ltd.	Japan Japan Japan South Korea Japan Japan Japan Japan Japan	\$28,014 102,748 102,379 100,000 102,810 102,807 207,488 102,324 174,030	
Korman, Michael	Dept. of Interior	Spec. Asst. to Secretary	Arrest, Pm	Outokumpu Oy Toyoko Motor Corp. Stam Cranes Umanorburghen GmbH Veritas, Edinburg Lars Krogh & Co. Patten & Morgan Corp. Horn Smith Resources	Japan Japan Australia W. Germany W. Germany Norway Gr. Britain Canada	\$64,398 1,102,000 100,100 \$0,110 \$1,020 \$4,023 \$ 100 — 00 —	
Lachter, Stephen	Dept. of Transp.	Spec. Aviation Counsel	Patten, Bagg & Blow	Govt./Submarine of Ocean Duty Free Shoppers, Ltd. Nahaplan All Co. Government of Iceland Flint Control Iceland Bachert Packaging Maurice Marketing Corp.	China Hong Kong Japan Iceland Italy Canada Zimbabwe	\$90,033 \$11,805 100,000 177,007 \$1,873 \$8,400 17,438	
Lander, Stephen	White House	Asst. U.S. Trade Rep.	Manchester Trade Rep.	Fundus/Dof. Comercio Ext. Govt./Repub. of Marshall Is. Baini v. Cramb, SpA E. Polaris y Cia Valery Tax Campaign Government of Spain	Costa Rica Marshall Is. Italy Venezuela Gr. Britain Spain	10,000 9,000 1,134 — 00 — — 00 — — 00 —	
				Karen For. Trade Assn. Siderman International Hylos Tubos de Acero de Mex. Asoc. de Export/Tecnicas Wissman Menton SA de CV	South Korea Mexico Mexico Mexico Costa Rica Mexico Mexico	\$8,808 42,408 10,000 10,000 10,348 5,700 — 00 —	
			Manchester Assoc.	Karuna Traders Assn. Inst. de Comercio Ext. Nat. Invest. Cncl./Panama Tubos de Acero de Mex. Siderman International Embassy of Israel Khan Consultancy Hylos Barbados Export Prom. Comasco	South Korea Mexico Panama Mexico Mexico Israel Israel Mexico Barbados Mexico	92,000 41,804 28,408 10,179 18,100 10,407 15,000 10,000 2,177 2,300	
				Asoc. de Empresas RENFE Govt. of Antigua/Barbados Henri Slat	Spain Antigua/Barbados Lebanon	\$90,703 100,300 45,000	
				INTELSAT Sec. Cdn. de Surveillance	Israel Switzerland	\$90,703 171,000	
Lander, Paul	U.S. Senate	Senator	Lander, Washington	Asoc. de Empresas RENFE Govt. of Antigua/Barbados Henri Slat	Spain Antigua/Barbados Lebanon	\$90,703 100,300 45,000	Appendix V
Lander, Susan	White House	Asst. Dir., U.S. Domestic Policy	Powell, Goldstein	INTELSAT Sec. Cdn. de Surveillance	Israel Switzerland	\$90,703 171,000	

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEES AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ² (1988-1990)	
Lehman, Bruce A.	U.S. Senate	Comm., Ind. Cante.	Swidler & Berlin	Hyundai Motor Co. China Trade Dev't. Cntl. Government of Bermuda	South Korea Taiwan Bermuda	\$ 253,784 38,000 — — —	Appendix A
Levenson, Wallis	Dept. of Commerce	Dep. Asst. Secy. for Trade/Int'l Affairs	Mudge, Rose	Asac. Nacl. Industries China Trade Imp./Exp. Hong Kong Trade Devel. SovcomBot	Columbia China Hong Kong USSR	50,800 — — — — — — — — —	
Lewter, Kerneth	Fed. Energy Reg. Comm.	Dir., Cong. Affairs	Wunder, Ryan, Cannon & Thelen	Ad Hoc Insur. Group Government of Bermuda	Bermuda Bermuda	— — — — — —	
Lilly, J. Lewis	Dept. of State	Dir. Spec. Proj. Bur. of E. Asia	Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin	Embassy of Malaysia Falconbridge	Malaysia Gr. Britain	\$97,131 140,888	
Lisbergsson, Howard S.	U.S. Senate	Secretary at Arms	Gold & Lisbergsson	Finat. SpA Thomson-CSF, Inc. Beverly USA Corp. Int'l. Gold Corp. BAA, plc Nichol	Italy France Italy South Africa Gr. Britain Japan	788,933 227,840 157,824 51,189 47,809 34,794	
Lighthizer, Robert	White House	Dep. U.S. Trade Representative	Shulman, Arps	Haystack Investments British Airports Auth. Government of Jamaica Min. Ind. and Comm./Sugar and Alk.	Bermuda Gr. Britain Jamaica Brazil	1,480,013 825,207 86,149 44,308	
Lipshy, Albion B.	Dept. of Justice	Dep. Asst. Atty. Gen./Assistant	King & Spalding	Agre Holding AG Elan Corporation	Switzerland Switzerland	— — — — — —	
Long, C. Thomas	Fed. Home Loan Bank Board	Dep. Gen. Counsel	Jones, Day, Rees & Pappas	Ind. Electronics Agre Agre USA, Ltd.	Switzerland Switzerland	— — — — — —	
				Morgan Grenfell & Co. Heron International Kosmos USA Embassy of the FRC Govt. of Costa Rica London Church, Comm./Ind.	Gr. Britain Gr. Britain Japan China Costa Rica Gr. Britain	1,814,481 988,420 140,074 115,000 — — — — — —	
MacDonald, David	White House	Dep. U.S. Trade Representative	Trotter-MacDonald	Govt./Repub. of Seychelles	Seychelles	90,000	Appendix A
Manaster, Andrew	Dept. of Commerce	Asst. Secy./ Cong. Affairs	Baker & McKenzie	Textile/Garment Mfg.	Uruguay	— — —	
Manaster, Stanley	Dept. of Commerce	Asst. Secy./Ind. and Trade	Manaster & Manaster	Embassy of Japan Government of Greece	Japan Greece	38,000 308,040	
Martin, Guy R.	Dept. of Interior	Asst. Secy./Land and Water	Millbank, Towell	People's Repub. of China	China	35,000	
Monney, Donald F.	U.S. Senate	Dep. Sgt. at Arms	Hill & Knowlton	Krupp Atlas Elektronik	W. Germany	— — —	
				Republic of Turkey Nat. Dev't. Ind. Office Hitachi, Ltd. Kingdom of Morocco Airbus Industrie N. Amer.	Turkey Indonesia Japan Morocco European Comm.	3,007,800 2,100,000 1,024,813 801,984 497,147	
				Republic of Korea Hyundai Motor America Soc. Gds. de Surveillance	South Korea South Korea Switzerland	823,441 425,081 200,178	

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FIGS. AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ² (1988-1992)	APPENDIX A
Mosser, Donald F. (cont'd)	U.S. Senate	Dep. Sgt. at Arms	Hill & Knowlton	Palm Oil Reg. and Licensing Govt. of Ceyman Islands Mitsubishi Motors Corp. Nations of America N.H. Bell Bearings/Mitsubishi Marchmont Americas Corp. Assoc. Advant. Human Rights Asbestos Institute Martin Baker Aircraft Côte d'Azur Dev't. Liberal Democratic Party Adnan Khushnig	Malaysia Ceyman Islands Japan Japan Japan Japan Canada Gr. Britain France Japan Saudi Arabia	\$ 499,868 894,139 886,794 498,773 169,153 138,798 50,000 78,881 18,497 97,894 — 00 — — 00 —	Appendix A
Mathias, Charles	U.S. Senate	Senator	Jones, Day, Reavis & Pope	Embassy of the PRC	China	127,445	Appendix A
McElherry, Richard L.	Dept. of Commerce	Asst. Secy. for Trade Dev't.	The Bruck Group	Airbus Industrie N. Amer.	Switzerland	75,000	
			Hill & Knowlton	Kingdom of Morocco Republic of Korea Brother, Inc. Elec. Inds. Assn./Korea Govt. of Ceyman Islands Korean Airlines Airbus Industrie N. Amer. Daewoo Electronics Corp. Liberal Democratic Party Hyundai Motor America	Morocco South Korea Japan Japan Ceyman Islands South Korea European Czech South Korea Japan South Korea	861,984 833,441 73,000 610,813 368,344 250,884 494,848 30,300 498,000 435,481	
				Hoschi, Ltd. Can. Asbestos Inds. Ctr. Côte d'Azur Dev't. Elec. Inds. Assn./Korea Seoul, SA Soc. Cén. de Surveillance Bur. National du Cogeste Yusufi Deyt. Econ./Dev't. Island Min. Var. Affairs NEC Corporation Palm Oil Reg. and Licensing Nihon Kofu Bunko Kyodo Marchmont Americas Corp. Seibutsu Inds. Assoc. Nat. Papal/Celulose Makita USA Assoc. Export de Flores	Japan Canada France South Korea France France Mexico Ireland Japan Malaysia Japan Japan Japan Brazil Japan Colombia	612,000 60,150 97,894 274,964 61,580 230,875 845,804 208,528 45,802 510,810 417,868 841,378 118,300 44,188 — 00 — — 00 — — 00 —	Appendix A
McGovern, John J.	Secur. and Exch. Comm.	Asst. to Chmn.	Wunder, Ryan, Cannon & Thorpe	Aeromachi Airship Industries Mitsubishi Intermarco SpA	Italy Gr. Britain Italy Italy	347,268 117,000 30,000 17,300	
			Alta, Comp	Airship Industries	Gr. Britain	97,000	
Mentz, J. Roger	Dept. of Treasury	Asst. Secy./Tax Policy	Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft	Mercedes-Benz	W. Germany	— 00 —	
Moffett, A. Toby	House of Reps.	Member of Cong.	A. Toby Moffett	Government of Lebanon	Lebanon	95,000	

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT SERVICE	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FIRM AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ² (1966-1968)	237
Morgan, Lance Inc.	U.S. Senate	Press Secy./ Select Com., Secret Int. Asst. for Iran and Nicaragua Opposition	Robinson, Loh, Lover & Montgomery	Hayabusa Investments Japan Auto Pro. Ind. Ass. Friedman/Duncan in Pakistan John Doe, Alliance Kamatos Elec. Machs	Bermuda Japan Pakistan Pakistan Japan	\$ 420,413 575,977 10,000 10,000 11,000	Appendix A
Morris, William	U.S. Senate	Gen. Counsel, Finance Com.	Rogers & Wells	Purkin Corporation	France	296,641	
Morris, William H., Jr.	Dept. of Commerce	Asst. Secy./ Trade	Global USA	Fumet, Ltd. All Japan Airways Hitachi, Ltd. Japan Aircraft Dev't. Co. Kumata Corporation Kumata Corporation Mitsui, Ltd. Repul. of Bangladesh Vost-Alpine Summing Semiconductor Hyundai Motor America Morris Machinery Korea Fer. Trade Ass. Ind. Corp. and Dev't.	Japan Japan Japan Japan Japan Japan Japan Bangladesh Austria South Korea South Korea Japan South Korea Austria	86,493 75,000 25,115 877,933 800,000 800,000 741,135 110,000 127,014 975,000 200,000 — — — — — — — — —	
Meyer, Homer E.	Dept. of Commerce	Gen. Counsel	Miller & Chevrolet	Government of Canada Republic of France	Canada France	204,000 69,376	
Murdock, J. E. III	Fed. Aviation Admin.	Chief Counsel	Harve, Burdette	St. Lawrence Cement Ass. Export de Plumes	Canada Colombia	826,100 864,720	
Murphy, Daniel J.	U.S. Navy	Admiral (Ret.), Chf. of Staff Vice Pres. George Bush	Murphy & Donnelly	CBR Sugar Group, Inc. AgroQuintec de Customals Canada Cement Lafarge Ind. Maritime Satellite St. Mary's Cement Constar Cement BSV Mining Equipment Ann. Advmt. Human Rights	Latin America Customals Canada Ind. Canada Canada Netherlands Japan	268,100 118,376 107,800 26,000 26,000 26,000 — — — — — —	Appendix A
				Korea Tuna Marine Government of Haiti PCI, Inc. FACD Enterprises Pan Holdings	South Korea Haiti Canada Japan Taiwan	100,710 84,000 98,011 90,000 — — —	
				Hill & Knowlton	Turkey Haiti Korea Morocco European Comm.	1,000,000 700,000 63,441 801,000 207,800	
				Elan, Ind. Ass./Japan Govt. of Cayman Islands Martin Bahr Aircraft Korea Airlines Boeing, Inc. Chif. of Amer. Dev't. Liberal Democratic Party Daewoo Electronics Corp. Hyundai Motor America Government of Angola Can. Activities Ind. Ctr. Hitachi, Ltd.	Japan Cayman Islands Gr. Britain South Korea Japan France Japan South Korea South Korea Angola Canada Japan	677,000 200,000 18,000 200,000 71,000 26,000 200,000 20,000 425,000 80,000 60,100 300,000	

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NAME	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	PUBLIC POSITION	AREA OF DISPLACEMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	1960-1962 APPROXIMATE FEE IN U.S. DOLLARS	1963
Washburn Donald J. and G.	U. S. Navy	Adm. Sec., Chf. of Staff Nav. Pers. Carpenter Bldg.	Oil & Exploration	Soc. Gen. de Surveillance Socde. Sa Elec. Inds. Arab/Kuwait Industrial Wks. Pers. Affairs Nat. National Air Corps City of London Baker-Winterbottom Bros Carnegie Inst. Toronto Off Arab. Export de Plumes Government of Canada Embassy of Japan Royal Exch. of South Africa	Switzerland France South Korea Industrial France W. Germany W. Germany — Canada Japan South Africa	\$ 200,000 45,000 100,000 25,000 400,000 — — — — — —	Appendix A
Wardle Edmund S.	Dept. of State	Secretary	Chad/Cameroon & Peru	Wils. Life Insur. Aeroflight/World Corp.	Canada Cz. Britain	— —	—
Waters Marlene	Dept. of State	Under Secy. for Int. Affairs	Peru, Water	WEC Corp./WEC American Korea Inst. Trade Assn. Korea Inst. and Steel Assn.	Japan South Korea South Korea	4,000,000 100,000 20,000	—
O'Connell, R. Michael	Dept. of Commerce	Asst. Dir., Int. Trade Affs.	Collier, Shuman & Sant	Producers of Venezuela Baltimore S.C. Petroleum, Ltd.	Venezuela W. Germany Jamaica	1,000,000 50,000 200,000	—
Ogden, M. S.	White House	Dir. Off. of Comp. Affairs	Health, Spencer and Associates	B. E. Trade Devt. Conf. Cent./Alphab. of Panama Producers and Justices/Cyprus	Hong Kong Panama Cyprus	100,000 100,000 100,000	—
Oliver, Leland	Dept. of Commerce	Under Secy. for Int. Trade Affs.	Peru, Water	WEC Corp./WEC American Government of Poland	Japan Poland	— —	—
Perry, W. Bruce	White House	Dir., Latin Amer. Affairs Staff, Int. Secy. Conf.	Neill & Co.	Kingdom of Morocco Government of Kenya Arab Repub. of Palestine Arab Repub. of Egypt Government of Cuba	Morocco Kenya Palestine Egypt Cuba	500,000 200,000 400,000 700,000 100,000	—
Perkins, Rumsey	House of Rep.	Staff, For Africa Conf.	Business and Associates	Government of Tunisia	Tunisia	100,000	—
Payson, Richard	Dept. of Commerce	Dep. Asst. Secy./Trade Affs.	Switzer & Berlin	Hyundai Motor Co.	South Korea	300,000	—
Phelan, Albert C.	Agency for Int. Devt.	Exec. Council	Neill & Co.	Arab Repub. of Egypt Kingdom of Jordan Government of Cuba Arab Repub. of Palestine Government of Kenya Kingdom of Morocco Government of Cuba Government of Jamaica Korea For. Trade Assn. Beijing Union Ltd. Africa Devt. Bank China Trade Devt. Conf. Govt. of Cuba/Tunisia	Egypt Jordan Cuba Palestine Kenya Morocco Cuba Jamaica South Korea Honduras Ind. China Cuba/Tunisia	500,000 500,000 100,000 500,000 1,000,000 500,000 75,000 100,000 — — — — — — —	Appendix A
Pratt, Norris L.	House of Rep.	Exec. Dir., Nat. Budget Conf.	Harmon, Bartholme	CBI Sugar Corp. Inc. Naval Communications Thai Steel Pipe Assn. Agro/Quintana de Guatemala Canada Council/Lodge Int. Maritime Institute	Latin America Canada Thailand Guatemala Canada Ind.	100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000	—

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AGENT	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEES AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ¹ (1968-1969)	200
Pruitt, Steven L. (cont'd)	House of Reps.	Exec. Dir., Hqs. Budget Comm.	Horan, Burchette	St. Mary's Cement Asia Satellite Telecomm. St. Lawrence Cement Island Cement Yamachi Securities Danco Securities Assoc. Export de Plumes	Canada Hong Kong Canada Canada Japan Japan Colombia	0 3,084 5,368 45,554 15,403 10,000 8,348 — — —	Appendix A
			Lamb, Washington	Air China International Assoc. de Empresas RENFE Govt. of Antigua/Barbuda Govt. of Angola Operaciones Turisticas Institut de la Vie	China Spain Antigua/Barbuda Angola Honduras France	— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
Rafferty, John	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	McAniffin, Kelly, Rafferty & Stoneman	Emb. of Repub. of Turkey	Turkey	— — —	
Ritchford, William R.	House of Reps.	Member of Cong.	Cald & Liebermann	Finat, Spa Thomson-CSF, Inc. Beretta USA Corp.	Italy France Italy	798,833 315,444 136,638	
Ross, Henry S.	House of Reps.	Member of Cong.	Ross, Schmidt, Hasky & Dillalla	Mex. Lead Oxide Producers Inst. Min. de la Placita Industrias Ponder Minera de las Cuevas	Mexico Mexico Mexico Mexico	937,977 97,797 — — — — — —	
Rhodes, John J.	House of Reps.	Member of Cong.	Hutton & Williams	INTELSAT	Intl.	38,718	
Ritchie, Abraham	U.S. Senate	Senator	Kaye, Schuler	Elsevier Sci. Publs. Japan Chr. Info./Cult.	Netherlands Japan	898,830 95,914	
Richardson, Elliot	Dept. of State	Amb. at-Large	Milbank, Tweed	Embassy of Iceland People's Repub. of China Government of Kuwait JDS Intl. Consulting	Iceland China Kuwait Angola	41,833 35,000 36,895 — — —	
Richardson, Marlyn	U.S. Senate	Comm., Comm. Comm.	Horan, Burchette	Assoc. Export de Plumes St. Lawrence Cement CBI Sugar Group, Inc. Mitsubishi Electric Japan Tobacco Canada Cement Lafarge Cemeter Cement St. Mary's Cement Laba Ontario Cement RSV Mining Equipment Ann. Advant. Human Rights	Colombia Canada Latin America Japan Japan Canada Canada Canada Canada Netherlands Japan	1,031,398 1,008,994 433,500 105,584 101,816 183,880 78,837 46,186 74,448 10,384 14,000	Appendix A
Robertson, Mark	U.S. Senate	House Aide	Hill & Knowlton	Palm Oil Reg. and Licensing Kingdom of Morocco Government of Canada	Malaysia Morocco Canada	305,970 997,805 — — —	
Robinson, Philip	White House	Staff, Off. of Tech. Assessment	Patten, Boggs & Shaw	Nabors All Co. Duty Free Shoppers, Ltd. Government of Iceland Sulfamate of Oman Royal Trust Co. Cargill Airline Fund Pro-Image/Exterior Olympic Fibers, SA Beckett Packaging	Japan Hong Kong Iceland Oman Canada Luxembourg Colombia Costa Rica Canada	158,400 146,977 146,195 90,300 86,368 38,440 37,300 85,816 11,479	

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT ORGAN	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OR EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FROM AND EXPENSES PAID TO FIRM ² (1986-1992)	20
Robinson, Philip (cont'd)	White House	Staff, Off. of Tech. Assessment	Peterson, Boggs & Blow	Port Castelli Italian Food/Dof. Comercio Ext. Govt./Repub. of Marshall Isl. Minerals Marketing Corp.	Italy Costa Rica Marshall Isl. Zimbabwe	0 7,985 7,140 — — — — — —	Appendix A
Rose, Jonathan	Dept. of Justice	Asst. Atty. Gen., Legal Policy	Jones, Day, Rees & Pugger	Embassy of the PRC Morgan Grenfell Ltd. London Church, Comm/Ind. Govt. of Costa Rica	China Gr. Britain Gr. Britain Costa Rica	187,845 1,394,824 — — — — — —	
Rosenfeld, Jennifer	House of Reps.	House Aide	Neff & Co.	Government of Kenya Kingdom of Morocco Arab Repub. of Egypt Kingdom of Jordan Government of Lebanon Israel Repub. of Palestine Government of Jamaica Govt./Dem. Repub. of Sudan Govt. of El Salvador Korea For. Trade Assn. Rennet Urushawa Ltd. Africa Dev't. Bank China Trade Dev't. Carl. Govt. of Côte d'Ivoire	Kenya Morocco Egypt Jordan Lebanon Palestine Jamaica Cote d'Ivoire Sudan El Salvador South Korea Namibia Ind. China Côte d'Ivoire	1,035,174 1,394,800 1,184,405 1,324,000 437,300 26,000 150,000 75,000 60,000 5,000 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
Rosenfeld, John	White House	Spec. Asst./Pres.	Alkhalil and Rosenfeld	Brit. Assn./Invest. Trust	Gr. Britain	— — —	
Salmun, John J.	House of Reps.	Chf. Couns., Ways and Means Comm.	Dewey, Ballantine	The Doe Corp., PLC Hemchell Invest. Ltd.	Gr. Britain Barbados	44,384 11,740	
Sandoz, Frank	House of Reps.	Staff, Ways and Means Subcomm. on Trade	Peterson, Boggs & Blow	Subsists of Oman Nakajima All Co. Government of Ireland Duty Free Shoppers, Ltd. Port Castelli Italian Berkman Packaging Food/Dof. Comercio Ext. Minerals Marketing Corp. Govt./Repub. of Marshall Isl. Bates & Grunick, SpA Uruguay Tin Campaign E. Palicio y Cia Government of Spain	Oman Japan Ireland Hong Kong Italy Canada Costa Rica Zimbabwe Marshall Isl. Italy Gr. Britain Venezuela Spain	300,853 498,887 177,887 311,805 31,873 28,495 11,830 17,230 9,408 1,134 — — — — — — — — —	
Sandifer, Myron G. III	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Jack McDonald Co.	Hitchiti Sales/America Sec. Cda de Surveillance Minerals SA	Japan Switzerland Luxembourg	155,830 85,745 10,908	
Santos, Leonard	U.S. Senate	Chf. Trade Comm., Sen. Finance Comm.	Parkins, Cole Varner, Laffort	Krupp Atlas Elektronik Ourlan-Bahule Military J. D. Irving, Ltd. Mats Admcorp Dunblain, SA	W. Germany Switzerland Canada France France	— — — 33,697 26,574 17,480 — — —	
Satterfield, David	House of Reps.	Member of Comm.	Bishop, Cook	BAT Industries CSR, Ltd. Patton PTV, Ltd.	Gr. Britain Australia Australia	313,387 218,177 11,494	
Samuels, Stephen	White House	Asst. U.S. Trade Representative	Samuels and Co.	Mitsubishi Electric Embassy of Japan	Japan Japan	234,368 280,000	

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AGENT	GOVERNMENT OFFICE	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FIRM AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM* (1966-1968)
Sanders, Stephen (cont'd)	White House	Asst. U.S. Trade Representative	Sanders and Co.	Sella-Kyros Corp. Taiwan Yantai Fed. Obayashi Corporation Sd. For. Trade/Repub. of China Elec. Inds. Assn./Japan Government of Canada	Japan Taiwan Japan Taiwan Japan Canada	\$ 141,411 93,498 78,498 18,000 — — — — — —
Scruggs, John F.	Dept. of Health and Human Servs.	Asst. Secy./ Legis.	Gold & Liebhengard	Flat, SpA Thomson-CSF, Inc. BAA, plc Booth Boretti USA Corp.	Italy France Gr. Britain Japan Italy	788,823 313,445 34,938 98,779 68,456
Shannon, Lawrence	Fed. Housing Adm.	Commissioner	Powell, Goldstein	Embassy of Morocco	Morocco	6,101
Stinson, William	White House	Spec. Asst./Pres.	Michael E. Dwyer Associates	Intl. Cult. Sec./Korea Daewoo Corporation CBM Sugar Group, Inc. Embassy of Canada Min. Comm. and Ind. Devel. Royal Bank of Saudi Arabia Govt. of Singapore Korea Broadcast./Relv.	South Korea South Korea Latin America Canada Mexico Saudi Arabia Singapore South Korea	478,779 938,473 300,000 100,000 68,900 375,000 — — — — — —
Small, Karen	Nat. Secur. Cmty.	Dir. Pub. Affairs	Hill & Knowlton	SGS North America Republic of Turkey Govt. of Cayman Islands Elec. Inds. Assn./Korea Hyundai Motor America Elec. Inds. Assn./Japan Palm Oil Reg. and Licensing	Switzerland Turkey Cayman Islands South Korea South Korea Japan Malaysia	800,179 8,837,447 388,544 311,986 128,867 344,816 490,898
Smith, Michael B.	White House	Dep. U.S. Trade Representative	Stephens & Johnson	Can. Sugar Institute	Canada	— — —
Steen, Paul	Intl. Trade Comm.	Chairwoman	Windrop, Stinson	Metalwerken Nederlanden	Netherlands	1,088,871
Stone, Richard B.	U.S. Senate	Senator	Richard B. Stone	Republic of China	Taiwan	98,000
			Frankner, Ross, Gotts & Mondakoban	Sd. For. Trade/Repub. of China Government of Guatemala	Taiwan Guatemala	170,000 110,000
Talbot, Herman E.	U.S. Senate	Senator	Barnett & Algate	Thai Food Proc. Assn.	Thailand	300,000
Tate, Shirley B.	White House	Press Secretary	Burton-Marteller	Thomson, SA	France	364,110
Thompson, Robert	White House	Exec. Asst./Vice Pres. George Bush	Thompson and Co.	Mitsubishi Elec./Amer. Sumitomo American Auto Bank of Repub. of Turkey Bentel Telepublishing	Japan Japan Turkey Gr. Britain	308,614 317,800 100,000 98,418
Topham, Kathleen E.	Fed. Home Loan Bank Board	Atty., Ofc. of Gen. Counsel	Morgan, Lewis and Boyd	Banco de Santander	Spain	4,445
Urbanchuk, John	U.S. Army	Desk Officer, Public Aff. Div., Ofc. of Dep. Chf. of Staff	Hill & Knowlton	Ferruzzi Plasterers	Italy	763,375

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AGENCY	GOVERNMENT BRANCH	PUBLIC POSTING	FORM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	PER ANNUUM PAID TO PARTY (1985-1986)	100
Vahon, Abelardo	Dept. of State	Chief of Protocol	Lomb, Washington	Cent. of Antigua/Barbuda Assoc. de Empresas MEDITE Banco Real Government of Anguilla Organismos Turisticos Institut de la Vie Air Chien International	Antigua/Barbuda Spain Lebanon Anguilla Belize France China	\$ 88,750 47,750 42,000 20,000 75,000 — — — — — —	Appendix A
Vand, Charles A.	House of Reps.	Member of Cong./Chm., Wayo and Mason Cent.	Ayres, London and Thompson	Embassy of Belgium	Belgium	66,850	
Vorhies, Lee	Dept. of MVD	Under Secretary	Vorhies and Associates	Ann./Hops Prod. and Distn.	W. Germany	100,000	
			Michael K. Danner Associates	Danner Corporation Intl. Coll. Inc./Kumar Royal Kish, of South Arabia Mtn. Comm. and Ind. Dev't. Embassy of Canada CHI Super Group, Inc.	South Korea South Korea South Arabia Morocco Canada Latin America	20,775 32,540 275,000 60,000 20,000 — — —	
Vorris, Joseph	Intl. Trade Comm.	Asst. Secy./ Admstr., U.S. Commerce	Brown, Washington	Asst. Export de Placo St. Lawrence Cement CHI Super Group, Inc. Canada Cement Lafarge BSV Mining Equipment Mitsubishi Elevator Carter Cement Lake Ontario Cement	Colombia Canada Latin America Canada Netherlands Japan Canada Canada	1,320,540 1,000,000 420,000 100,000 50,000 100,000 20,000 70,000	Appendix A
				Intl. Maritime Institute St. Mary's Cement Davao Institute AguaQuilones de Guatemala Agua Cement/Emad, Intl. Tennessee Institute The Road Pipe Assoc.	Intl. Canada Japan Guatemala Argentina Japan Thailand	— — — 40,000 — — — 5,000 5,000 — — — — — —	
Waldman, Raymond	Dept. of Commerce	Asst. Secy., Intl. Econ. Policy	Trans/National	ADICAL	Israel	20,000	
			Global USA	Peter, Ltd. Masht Corporation Kumata, Ltd. Republic of Yugoslavia	Japan Japan Japan Yugoslavia	100,000 10,000 10,000 20,000	
			Raymond Waldman	Takara Dr. Gen. Takamasa	Takara	15,700	
Waters, Robert E.	Dept. of Commerce	Dep. Asst. Secy., Automotive Affairs	Westbury & Co.	Kia Motors Corporation	South Korea	0,000	Appendix A
Wegman, Richard	U.S. Senate	Chf. Counsel/Staff Dir., Const. Affairs Comm.	Carver, Schubert and Rose	Embassy of Canada Government of Canada Province of Manitoba Province of Ontario	Canada Canada Canada Canada	— — — — — — — — — — — —	
			Wallford, Wegman	Embassy of Canada Province of Manitoba Province of Ontario	Canada Canada Canada	60,000 30,000 17,000	

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AGENT ¹	GOVERNMENT SALARIES	PUBLIC POSITION	FIRM OF EMPLOYMENT	FOREIGN CLIENT	COUNTRY	FEES AND EXPENDITURES PAID TO FIRM ² (1988-1990)	301
Wellford, W. Harrison	White House	Exec. Assoc. - Dir., Off. of Mgmt. and Budget	Wellford, Wagon	Embassy of Canada Province of Manitoba Saskatchewan Oil Dev't. Corp.	Canada Canada Japan	\$ 647,763 368,619 — — —	Appendix A
Whitefield, Dennis	Dept. of Labor	Dep. Secretary	The Brock Group	Sd. For. Trade/Republic of China	Taiwan	\$90,000	
Whelan, Barbara	U.S. Senate	Comm., Ind. Cante.	Arrest, Fin	Stellar Cruises	Australia	— — —	
Winick, Joanne	White House	Asst./Press Secy.	Seam Davis Intl.	Headwaters National Party	Honduras	— — —	
Winick, Robert	U.S. Senate	Senate Aide	Hill & Knowlton	Republic of Turkey Côte d'Azur Dev't. Liberal Democratic Party Hyundai Motor America Kingdom of Morocco Koreans Airlines Government of Angola Govt. of Cayman Islands Aikhouse Institute NEC Corporation Sec. Cdn. de Surveillance Arab Women's Council Prince Talal Brother, Inc. Can. Automobile Inds. Ctr. Salon Dry Cargo	Turkey France Japan South Korea Morocco South Korea Angola Cayman Islands Canada Japan Switzerland Israel Saudi Arabia Japan Canada Sweden	1,362,988 38,896 248,000 235,051 187,803 194,800 10,000 864,130 —	
				INTELSAT Airbus Industrie N. Amer. Republic of Korea	Intl. European Coman. South Korea	— — — — — — — — —	
Wunder, Bernard	Dept. of Commerce	Asst. Secy., Commun./ Info.	Wunder, Ryan, Cannon & Thelen	Kingdom of Morocco Ad Hoc Intern. Group Industrial Equity (Pacific) Ltd.	Morocco Bermuda New Zealand	— — — — — — — — —	

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APPENDIX B

Japan's Registered Foreign Agents in America (March 1990)

JAPANESE ORGANIZATION	AMERICAN AGENT	DATE FIRST REGISTERED
All Nippon Airways Co.	Global U.S.A., Inc.	9/13/84
Assn. for the Advancement of Human Rights	Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	4/11/88
Bank of Japan	Wilbur F. Monroe Assoc.	9/21/78
Brother Industries, Ltd.	Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	5/15/87
The Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives (ZENCHU)	Donald G. Lerch, Jr., & Co. Arter & Hadden	1/8/87 3/3/87
Chiyoda Chemical, Engineering & Construction Company, Ltd.	Hori & Bunker, Inc.	7/17/89
Communications Industry Assn. of Japan	Anderson, Hibey, Nauheim & Blair Mintz, Levin, et al.	2/12/82 2/2/87
Consolidated Grain & Barge Co.	Verner, Lipfert, et al.	9/19/88
Consulate General of Japan	Whitehouse Assoc. Michael Klepper Assoc. Bernhagen & Assoc. Philip Van Slyck, Inc.	2/24/70 9/9/87 6/15/87 9/29/86
Eitaro Itoyama	Black, Manafort, et al.	8/23/89
Electronics Industries Assn. of Japan	H. William Tanaka Baron/Canning & Co. Hill & Knowlton, Inc. Anderson, Hibey, et al. Mudge, Rose, et al.	12/9/77 6/14/72 5/27/83 1/31/86 10/2/87
Embassy of Japan	Charles von Loewenfeldt, Jr. H. William Tanaka Philip Van Slyck, Inc. Hogan & Hartson Mike Masaoka Assoc.	9/16/71 4/24/86 5/4/71 5/7/71 1/26/84

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JAPANESE ORGANIZATION	AMERICAN AGENT	DATE FIRST REGISTERED
Embassy of Japan (cont'd)	Dechert, Price & Rhoads Walter H. Evans III Saunders & Co. Washington Resources & Strategy Law Offices of Paul H. Delaney, Jr. North American Precis Syndicate	4/27/77 5/15/79 3/8/83 6/8/87 10/25/88 12/20/89
Export-Import Bank of Japan	Dechert, Price & Rhoads	4/27/77
Fanuc, Ltd.	Global U.S.A., Inc.	6/29/83
The Fasteners Inst. of Japan	H. William Tanaka	11/15/89
Federation of Japan Salmon Fisheries	Jay Donald Hastings	5/24/82
Federation of Japan Tuna Fisheries	Jay Donald Hastings	9/14/83
Fuji Electric Co., Ltd.	Myron H. Nordquist Kelley, Drye & Warren	1/5/90 11/3/88
Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd.	Willkie, Farr & Gallagher Piper Pacific Intl.	7/24/86 10/26/89
Fujitsu America, Inc.	Akin, Gump, Strauss, et al. Victor Atiyeh & Co.	8/7/87 4/22/88
Fujitsu, Ltd.	Akin, Gump, Strauss, et al. Michael Solomon Assoc. Morrison & Foerster	4/17/86 10/2/87 8/23/89
Fujitsu Microelectronics	Ball, Janik & Novack Akin, Gump, Strauss, et al.	3/28/89 4/17/86
Government of Japan	Japan Economic Inst. of America Wilbur F. Monroe Assoc. Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe	1/25/56 5/4/78 6/15/89
Guam Oranao Development Co., Ltd.	Gerard F. Schiappa	9/1/89
Hitachi America, Ltd.	Jack H. McDonald Co. Powell, Goldstein, Frazer, et al.	9/29/87 9/25/87
Hitachi, Ltd.	Powell, Goldstein, Frazer, et al. Hill & Knowlton, Inc. Global U.S.A., Inc.	10/24/85 3/30/87 9/5/85
Hitachi Research Inst.	Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	5/31/89
Hitachi Sales Corp. of America	Powell, Goldstein, Frazer, et al. Jack H. McDonald Co.	4/10/87 4/10/87
Hokuten Trawlers Assn.	Jay Donald Hastings Garvey, Schubert & Barer	5/24/82 8/9/79
The Industrial Bank of Japan	Wilbur F. Morse Assoc.	9/28/79

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JAPANESE ORGANIZATION	AMERICAN AGENT	DATE FIRST REGISTERED
Intl. Public Relations Co., Ltd.	TKC International Inc. Civic Service, Inc.	9/10/81 6/28/82
Intl. Telecom Japan, Inc.	Debevoise & Plimpton	11/5/87
Japan Aero Engines Corp./Japan Aircraft Development	Global U.S.A., Inc.	9/13/84
Japan Air Lines	Law Offices of John P. Sears West Glen Communications Charles von Loewenfeldt, Inc.	5/9/84 11/23/88 1/5/84
Japan Auto Parts Industries Assn.	Robinson, Lake, et al.	6/12/87
Japan Automobile Mfrs. Assn.	H. William Tanaka Law Offices of John P. Sears Jellinek, Schwartz, et al.	6/9/77 5/9/84 2/23/90
Japan Automobile Tire Mfrs. Assn.	H. William Tanaka	6/13/84
Japan Bearing Industrial Assn.	H. William Tanaka	11/12/81
Japan Deep Sea Trawlers Assn.	Jay Donald Hastings Garvey, Schubert, et al.	5/24/82 8/9/79
Japan Economic Inst.	Donald G. Lerch, Jr., & Co.	10/22/70
Japan Electronic Industry Development Assn.	Graham & James	1/12/90
Japan Export Metal Flatware Industry Assn.	H. William Tanaka	10/8/81
Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)	The International Marketing Center, Ltd. Dentsu Burson-Marsteller The Klein Partnership Michael Solomon Assoc. Productions by Hirahara TransPacific Communications Research Co. Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	6/15/76 8/11/86 8/27/86 1/6/87 3/8/88 8/26/88 5/31/89
Japan Fair Trade Center	Arnold & Porter	9/11/87
Japan Federation of Construction Contractors	Global U.S.A., Inc.	7/10/87
Japan Fisheries Assn.	Jay Donald Hastings Garvey, Schubert, et al. Richard A. Frank Law Offices Bernhagen & Assoc.	11/16/78 2/22/82 11/30/87 2/6/90
Japan Foundation	Modern Talking Pictures Service, Inc. Charles von Loewenfeldt, Inc.	7/30/81 2/10/87

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JAPANESE ORGANIZATION	AMERICAN AGENT	DATE FIRST REGISTERED
Japan Galvanized Iron Sheet Exporters' Assn.	Willkie, Farr & Gallagher	12/26/85
Japan Inst. for Social & Economic Affairs	Charles von Loewenfeldt, Inc.	11/14/79
Japan Iron & Steel Exporters' Assn.	Charles E. Butler & Assoc. Willkie, Farr & Gallagher Stephoe & Johnson	12/29/83 12/26/85 4/19/89
Japan Lumber Importers' Assn.	Mudge, Rose, et al.	2/1/85
Japan Machine Tool Builders Assn.	Anderson, Hibey, et al.	7/14/83
Japan Machinery Exporters' Assn.	Anderson, Hibey, et al.	7/14/83
Japan Metal Forming Machine Builders Assn.	Anderson, Hibey, et al.	7/14/83
Japan Pottery Exporters' Assn.	H. William Tanaka	8/3/81
Japan Society of Industrial Machinery Manufacturers	Paul A. London & Assoc.	4/5/88
The Japan Steel Works, Ltd.	Popham, Haik, et al.	4/28/89
Japan Telescopes Mfrs. Assn.	Mike Masaoka Assoc.	11/3/83
Japan Tobacco, Inc.	Daniel J. Edelman, Inc.	8/7/86
Japan Trade Center	H. William Tanaka Mike Masaoka Assoc. TKC International, Inc.	8/9/86 8/19/74 1/15/79
Japan Tuna Fisheries Co-op	Anderson & Pendleton, C.A.	6/13/86
Japan Whaling Assn.	Tele-Press Associates, Inc.	11/14/79
Japan Wire Products Exporters Assn.	Willkie, Farr & Gallagher	12/26/85
Japanese Information Service of the Japanese Consulate	Derus Media Service, Inc.	7/14/87
Japanese National Tourist Org.	Modern Talking Pictures Service	2/11/82
Japanese Tanner Crab Assn.	Jay Donald Hastings	5/24/82
Kinki Nippon Tourist Co.	Intermarketing, Inc.	3/15/89
Koito Manufacturing Co.	Paul, Hastings, et al. Kekst & Co.	7/7/89 2/21/90
Komatsu Ltd.	Global U.S.A., Inc. Arnold & Porter Ogilvy & Mather, et al. APCO Assoc.	7/22/83 2/12/90 2/13/90 2/14/90

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JAPANESE ORGANIZATION	AMERICAN AGENT	DATE FIRST REGISTERED
Koyo Corp. of U.S.A.	Powell, Goldstein, Frazer, et al.	6/28/89
Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd.	Powell, Goldstein, Frazer, et al.	6/28/89
Kyocera Corp.	Global U.S.A., Inc.	3/24/84
Marubeni America Corp.	Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	2/24/88
Matsushita Electric Industrial Co.	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	8/4/86
Mazak Corp.	Global U.S.A., Inc.	7/11/83
Mitsubishi Electric Corp.	Robinson, Lake, et al.	12/1/86
Mitsubishi Electric Corp. through Universal Public	Saunders & Co.	7/28/87
Mitsubishi Electronics America Inc.	Thompson & Co.	2/25/88
Mitsubishi Motors Corp.	Ruder Finn	10/5/87
Mitsubishi Trust & Banking	Civic Service, Inc.	3/18/88
Murata Machinery, Ltd.	Global U.S.A., Inc.	1/24/90
Nakajima All Co., Ltd.	Patton, Boggs & Blow	9/26/86
NEC Corp.	Hill & Knowlton, Inc. Manatt, Phelps, et al. Paul, Weiss, Riffkind	5/20/87 4/10/87 5/10/85
New Hampshire Ball Bearings	Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	9/13/88
NHK	Anderson, Hibey, et al.	9/5/89
Nihon Agency, Inc.	Intermarketing, Inc.	11/20/87
Nintendo of America, Inc.	Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	5/30/89
Nippon Cargo Airlines Co.	Williams & Jensen, P.C.	10/24/85
Nippon Steel Corp.	Steptoe & Johnson	3/28/89
Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corp. (NTT)	Civic Service, Inc.	6/15/83
Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK)	Pettit & Martin	4/17/86
Nissan Aerospace Division/Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	International Technology & Trade Assoc., Inc.	2/21/90
Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	Manchester Assoc., Ltd.	8/9/79
Nissho Iwai American Corp.	William E. Colby	5/12/88

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JAPANESE ORGANIZATION	AMERICAN AGENT	DATE FIRST REGISTERED
Nissho-Iwai Co., Ltd.	Cove, Cooper & Lewis, Inc.	11/6/79
NKB Co. Inc.	Harry A. Savage	4/17/89
Nomura Research Inst.	Wilbur F. Monroe Assoc.	5/8/84
North Pacific Longline Assn.	Paul D. Kelly	4/20/88
North Pacific Longline Gillnet Assn.	Jay Donald Hastings	5/24/82
Ohbayashi Corp.	Graham & James Saunders & Co.	5/3/89 1/13/88
PR Service Co., Ltd.	Civic Service, Inc.	5/2/88
Research Development Corp. of Japan	International Science & Technology Assoc.	6/22/87
Ricoh Electronics, Inc.	Fleishman-Hillard, Inc.	9/1/88
Sanwa Bank, Ltd.	Civic Service, Inc. Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	7/25/88 3/31/88
Seibulite International, Inc.	Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	9/13/88
Seiko-Epson Corp.	Saunders & Co. Victor Atiyeh & Co.	6/14/89 4/22/88
Shintaro Ishihara	Fleishman-Hillard, Inc.	1/12/90
Sony Corp.	Arent, Fox, et al. Debevoise & Plimpton	7/14/86 10/5/83
Sumitomo Corp.	Stafford, Burke, et al.	10/25/84
Suzuki of America Automotive Corp.	Thompson & Co.	2/25/88
Toa Nenryo Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha	First Associates, Inc.	2/25/87
Tohoku Electric Power Co.	Washington Policy & Analysis Michael Solomon Assoc.	7/3/89 8/11/89
Tokyo Agency, Inc.	Fleishman-Hillard, Inc.	4/5/87
Tokyo Electric Co.	Kelley, Drye & Warren	7/24/87
Toshiba Corp.	Mudge, Rose, et al.	4/14/87
Toyo Kogyo, Ltd.	Hill & Knowlton, Inc.	2/16/87
Toyo Menka Kaisha, Ltd.	Sedam & Shearer, P.C.	10/14/87
Toyota Motor Corp.	Hill & Knowlton, Inc. Arent, Fox, et al.	5/31/89 5/4/83
Toyota Motor Corporate Services of North America	Schnader, Harrison, et al.	11/14/89
World Vision Travel Co.	Hori & Bunker	9/7/89

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able attempted to verify this information with the individual, but received no response to our inquiries.

Mr. FRANK. I notice Mr. Johnson is here. If you would like to come forward—and Mr. Guarini has joined us—we'll now hear from Mr. Johnson and Mr. Guarini.

Mr. Johnson is the author of one of the major pieces of legislation before us, as Mr. Guarini is of one of the others. We are glad to have them also here in pursuit of their interests in this.

STATEMENT OF HON. TIM JOHNSON, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. JOHNSON. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At a time when many experts feel that our economy is challenged by international economic pressures and foreign investments, it's vital to our national interest to possess accurate information, at the very least, about those who lobby or those who serve as agents. I want to commend Dan Glickman and Marcy Kaptur and Mr. Guarini, and others, who have made significant contributions in this area.

I've also introduced a proposal to strengthen the Foreign Agents Registration Act, H.R. 1382. It has 19 cosponsors. This is the House counterpart to the late Senator Heinz' S. 346. The Heinz bill and my bill are somewhat similar to Congressman Glickman's bill. I'm not wedded to any particular approach here other than to believe that we ought to be making some progress in this area generally.

I think a case in point is how the 1938 law required Toshiba to report \$7.2 million in lobbying expenses during an 18-month period ending in August 1988. The disclosure was required by the law requiring U.S.-based companies to disclose expenses spent for direct congressional lobbying, and yet the cost of the Toshiba campaign to modify proposed sanctions on itself as a result of a subsidiary's selling classified submarine information to the Soviets which went unreported because the law does not require the reporting of costs incurred for nondirect congressional lobbying.

The Foreign Agents Act of 1938 was basically designed to identify foreign sources of subversive propaganda. It is an old law and does not adequately address the contemporary needs for sunshine and disclosure. It does not address the problems associated with nondirect congressional lobbying. There were 825 foreign agents registered under the Foreign Agents Act in 1986, but the Justice Department officials estimated that these registrations represent only 30 to 60 percent of the total number of lobbyists and lawyers who might have otherwise registered.

So, I'd like to submit my full statement for the record—

Mr. FRANK. Without objection, it will be part of the record.

Mr. JOHNSON [continuing]. And, again, I commend you for holding these hearings. Thank you.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Johnson follows:]

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN TIM JOHNSON
JULY 24, 1991
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND
GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mr. Chairman, thank you for this opportunity to testify. At a time when many experts feel that our economy is severely challenged by international economic pressures and foreign investments, it is vital to our national interest to possess accurate information about those who lobby or serve as agents for foreign interests. I have introduced a proposal to strengthen the fifty-two year old Foreign Agents Registration Act, HR 1382. Senator Heinz introduced the companion, S. 346. The Heinz bill and my bill is similar to Congressman Glickman's bill.

A case in point is how the 1938 law required Toshiba Corporation to report \$7.2 million in lobbying expenses during an 18 month period ending in August of 1988. This disclosure was required by the law requiring U.S. based companies to disclose expenses spent for direct congressional lobbying. Yet, the costs of Toshiba's campaign to modify proposed sanctions on itself as a result of a subsidiary's selling classified submarine information to the Soviets went unreported because the law does not require the reporting of costs incurred for non-direct congressional lobbying.

The Foreign Agents Act of 1938 sought to identify foreign sources of subversive propaganda. It does not address, however, the problems associated with non-direct congressional lobbying. There were 825 foreign agents registered under the Foreign Agents Act in 1986. Justice Department officials estimated that these registrations represented 30-60% of the total number of lobbyists and lawyers who should have registered.

The main provisions of H.R. 1381 are:

- * Clarification of "foreign principal" to include American companies in which a foreign interest holds more than 50% ownership. Companies with a 20 to 50% foreign interest would have to prove that they are not foreign-controlled.
- * Removal of the lawyer's exemption. The line between lawyer and lobbyist has become increasingly hazy and the deletion of this exemption would promote enforcement.

- Establishment of uniform reporting dates of December 31 and June 30 to supplement the agent's initial filing.

- Establishment of civil penalties to augment the existing criminal penalties.

In conclusion let me commend Senator Levin for the hearings he has conducted into laws regulating all lobbyists. Mr. Chairman, I do not profess to be an expert on this matter and I do not claim that my bill is the only way to address this issue. Additionally, I know that none of us here is out to put lobbyists out of business or to trample on the first amendment. The full range of foreign and domestic lobbying should be disclosed to the American public in a more thorough manner than is done today.

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Guarini, who is also the author of one of the important pieces of legislation is before us today.

STATEMENT OF HON. FRANK J. GUARINI, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. GUARINI. Mr. Chairman, it's a pleasure to be before you this morning, and I think it's very important that these hearings examine into the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which has many loopholes and is very incomplete. I consider it a very important item to focus on because it does affect national policy issues and our national security.

In 1938, as you know, FARA was established to counteract Nazi activities in our country. National security issues are just as equally important.

The efforts of foreign interests to influence U.S. policy and politics have grown considerably in the last 20 years. Now there are 100 foreign corporations that have established PAC's through American subsidiaries. They contribute millions of dollars to campaigns. This is nothing in comparison, and it pales, with the hundreds of millions of dollars that are spent every year on lobbying and public relations efforts to shape American policies established by the U.S. Government.

One main problem is that, despite public disclosure demanded by FARA and other statutes, foreign influence continues to be exercised, for the most part in secret. For all practical purposes, we have little knowledge as to what is going on and how extensive it is.

It's my firm belief that the present situation is worse than having no disclosure requirements at all. The illusion of disclosure that presently exists results in a dangerous level of complacency. The public is led to believe that these lobbying activities are occurring in the open and are being regulated by public scrutiny when, in fact, they are not. In practice, the disclosure statutes are virtually meaningless. There is much that we do not know about lobbying campaigns and efforts to sway American public opinion.

Marcy Kaptur and I had jointly introduced H.R. 806, which requires the creation of an information clearinghouse. Presently, we have fragmented information in many different depositories about foreign lobbying activities. We have it in the Federal regulations of the Lobbying Act; the Foreign Agents Registration Act; FEC, the Federal Election Campaign Act. We have information from the catalog of public hearings and witnesses and affiliations that are listed in the Congressional Record. We have depositories for information about foreign agents collected in accordance with the House and Senate rules. So, what we really have is a mosaic out there. There is no one place to go to collect all the information that we need on foreign lobbying. So, being fragmented, it almost prevents our ability to scrutinize what is actually happening with the people who are foreign agents and representatives.

In order for the proposal to work, however, it will be necessary to improve the reporting and enforcement of FARA. Our proposal is aimed at ensuring that there is no misinformation or misrepresent-

tation, as was pointed out by hearings that were held by Senator Levin.

A 1990 report done by the GAO that says that 775 people are registered as foreign agents, when in truth we know there are thousands of people out there who are foreign agents. One thing that we want to address is the exemption for lawyers who are able to take an exemption from registration without even having to file an exemption certificate or notification. But, many lawyers in town are really principally hired as lobbyists, and because they do not register under FARA we have no knowledge of who they represent. They can just always call upon the exemption that they have, which doesn't even have to be filed.

What this bill does is to create a paper trail where these people do have to file their exemptions and request an exemption as foreign agents. Then, at least, we will know who they represent and where the players are. Now that's the least that can be done.

If I ask what is the most that can be done, it is that they be treated like everyone else and that there be no exemption whatsoever. But, at least we can have an exemption registered and requested by the individual which notifies the Department of Justice that he or she is, indeed, representing a foreign entity.

H.R. 806 would also create civil penalties from \$2,000 to \$5,000 depending upon the violation. We have criminal penalties in FARA now, but because of its severity the criminal penalties are rarely exercised. Therefore, in effect, they are useless. So, there's no sanction whatsoever. This calls upon civil penalties which would be more inclined to be used.

The bill would also provide the right of subpoena by the administrative agency and judge, so that we could at least have law enforcement over the provisions of the statutes thus enabling the Department of Justice to collect the information and marshal the data that's necessary to determine whether or not there had been any violations of the act.

It also calls for quarterly reports instead of semiannual reports. H.R. 806 doesn't require a lot of additional information, it just requires more timely reporting, full reporting, and reports that would take place quarterly, so people can immediately find information that they need, that they seek, to find out who's representing whom.

So, what we're really calling for is more openness in our entire system and a clearinghouse that can really reform FARA by collecting all the information in one place. It's a like a one-stop, one-shop operation. Once people have information, they can then make better informed choices. Without accurate information, American policy and politics would be subject to more manipulation.

It's my hope that you would include the provision for an affirmative request for an exemption from the Justice Department, civil penalties, a quarterly filing requirement, and the right of subpoena by the administrative judge in any revision of FARA. I think the clearinghouse is necessary and is essential if we're going to have information assembled in a meaningful manner. Sunshine is the best disinfectant, and I really commend those provisions of our bill to you.

I have a longer statement which I'd like to include—

Mr. FRANK. Without objection, it will be made a part of the record.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you all.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Guarini follows:]

TESTIMONY OF REP. FRANK J. GUARINI (D-NJ)
BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS OF
THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

JULY 24, 1991

Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee, I commend you for holding this hearing today on the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).

Efforts by foreign interests to influence U.S. policy and politics have grown considerably in the past twenty years.

Over 100 foreign corporations have established political action committees (PACs) through their American subsidiaries. These PACs contribute millions to political campaigns. The amounts spent in contributions, however, pale in comparison with the hundreds of millions of dollars spent each year on lobbying and public relations efforts trying to shape the policies established by the United States government.

The Foreign Agents Registration Act, the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act and the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 -- the statutes that are supposed to regulate, monitor and collect information that will prevent from among other things, undue foreign influence in U.S. politics -- clearly are not working as intended. One of the main problems is that, despite the public disclosure demanded by these statutes, foreign influence continues to be exercised, for the most part, in secret.

H.R. 806, the Foreign Ethics in Lobbying Act, a bill that I introduced jointly with Rep. Kaptur, provides simple yet effective solutions to address the problem of secrecy and inadequate disclosure. I would like to confine my remarks today to provisions in the bill which relate to ensuring compliance under FARA and the proposal to create a clearinghouse at the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) for information about actions taken on behalf of foreign interests.

Right now, information on lobbying and contributions made on behalf of foreign interests is, in theory, available to the public. However, the information is scattered throughout various agencies in the federal government, making it very difficult to monitor and very difficult to track. Lobbying reports which contain information about lobbying on behalf of foreign subsidiaries are filed with the Clerk of the House. PAC information is at the Federal Elections Commission. Foreign agent reports are at the Department of Justice and so on.

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Because the information is located in so many places and because of the difficulties that are often encountered in trying to get the information, the forces of public opinion and disclosure that are supposed to act as a counterbalance to curtail excessive influence are inoperable. Meaningful analysis of lobbying efforts is effectively discouraged because the information that is purportedly available to the public is so difficult to obtain and often incomplete.

It is my firm belief that the present situation is worse than having no disclosure requirements at all. The illusion of disclosure that presently exists results in a dangerous level of complacency because the public is led to believe that these lobbying activities are occurring in the open and are being regulated by public scrutiny. In practice, however, the disclosure statutes are virtually meaningless -- there is much that we do not know about lobbying campaigns and efforts to sway American public opinion and public policy.

H.R. 806 can restore meaning to the notion of disclosure through the creation of a information clearinghouse at the FEC and provisions to tighten up the enforcement of FARA.

The FEC clearinghouse envisioned in the legislation would provide a single location for information on activities made on behalf of foreign interests. Information that is presently collected under (1) the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act; (2) the Foreign Agents Registration Act; (3) the Federal Election Campaign Act; (4) the catalogue of public hearings, hearings witnesses and witness affiliations as printed in the Congressional Record; (5) existing public information disclosed pursuant to disclosure rules of the House of Representatives; and (6) existing public information disclosed pursuant to disclosure rules of the Senate would all be housed at the FEC.

This proposal would not change the point of collection for these reports and filings. Once the responsible agency or office receives a filing that relates to an activity made on behalf of a foreign interest, a copy would simply be forwarded to the clearinghouse to be indexed and compiled. No judgments about the content of the information would be made for the information would simply be organized in a meaningful fashion.

The protection of individual privacy rights is of the utmost importance to me and as such I have carefully looked into the ramifications of creating a computerized information clearinghouse. The reports and filings that would be collected at the FEC under my proposal are of a business nature and, from my understanding, would not violate First Amendment or privacy rights.

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The beauty of having a clearinghouse at the FEC is that it will make the information that is presently being collected accessible and available to the public without increasing disclosure, reporting burdens or adding any extra reporting steps for the persons responsible for filings.

In order for this proposal to work, however, it will be necessary to improve reporting and enforcement of FARA. Under present law, there is considerable abuse of the exemptions for registration. Many who should be registered are not.

A 1990 report by the General Accounting Office found that only 775 people are registered as foreign agents while the number of people who actually lobby on behalf of foreign interests is known to be in the thousands. A recent investigation by Sen. Levin's Subcommittee on Oversight similarly revealed broad noncompliance and misrepresentation.

There are several exemptions for registration as a foreign agent. Individuals who are involved in diplomatic, commercial, academic, humanitarian and legal activities are exempt from registration. The legal exemption is particularly broad covering --- "any person qualified to practice law, insofar, as he engages or agrees to engage in the legal representation of a disclosed foreign principal before any court of law or any agency of the Government of the United States; provided, That...legal representation does not include attempts to influence or persuade agency personnel or officials other than in the course of established agency proceedings, whether formal or informal."

The difference between "legal work" and "lobbying" often ends up being decided not by the content of the work but by whether the person performing the work is an attorney or not. What may be lobbying if performed by a non-attorney, ends up being called legal work when performed by an attorney. And, under present law, the lawyer is under no obligation to inform the Department of Justice that he or she is indeed representing a foreign client but declaring an exemption from registration under FARA.

One straightforward solution that would do much to provide more information about this type of lobbying as well as improve compliance with FARA would be to require an active request for exemption from registration under FARA. An active request for exemption would require an individual to notify the Department of Justice that he or she is indeed representing a foreign interest but that he or she is exempt from filing as a foreign agent. The creation of this paper trail will greatly increase compliance with FARA and the disclosure provided will bring questionable exemptions under public scrutiny.

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My legislation also contains provisions for civil penalties ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for violations of registration or reporting requirements. The ability to levy such fines is necessary because, at present, the only enforcement tool available to the Department of Justice is criminal penalties. Criminal proceedings are lengthy and time consuming. Sending a foreign agent to jail for missing a filing deadline or submitting incomplete information is also somewhat of an overkill so, under present law, penalties for violations of FARA are rarely pursued.

Another provision of my bill which will help the Department of Justice more adequately enforce FARA is granting the authority to subpoena foreign agents to appear, testify, or produce records at administrative hearings. With this power, the Department of Justice will be able to require individuals to explain their actions and document their assertions.

Finally, to provide more timely information on the activities of foreign agents, my bill would change the FARA registration requirements from every six months to a regularly scheduled quarterly basis. This will bring the reporting under FARA on to the same reporting schedule as required under Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee, I do not question the right of foreign entities or individuals to present their case before the U.S. government. In fact, I strongly believe that they should be able to do so, just as we should be able to make our concerns known abroad. However, the American people, the media and government officials have an equally important right to know who is really behind the positions taken by organizations with political agendas.

Without such information, how is a member of Congress, the average American citizen, or members of the media supposed to know that groups with names like "Consumers For World Trade" or "Auto Dealers and Drivers For Free Trade PAC" have actually been established in order to promote the interests of foreign companies.

Lobbying and public relations campaigns are quite sophisticated with the true aims not always readily apparent to the target audience or person being lobbied. For example, the Auto Dealers and Drivers for Free Trade PAC sponsored a hard-hitting campaign against a candidate attacking his position on issues such as abortion while the real motivation for trying to defeat him was because of a position taken on a trade issue. If the public knew more about the group funding this campaign, they would have a context to more accurately assess and interpret the message of the material put forth by the group.

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Another case in point was made in a 1981 New York Times article which revealed that Japanese interests had gained a major voice in a public interest group called Consumers for World Trade. Apparently Japanese auto companies had actually enrolled their American employees in the group in order to give the organization an "American Face". The Subaru company even paid the initial membership dues of \$15 for 1,500 of its employees and because of this corporate sponsorship, at one time Subaru's employees represented more than half of the group's membership.

The openness and democratic nature of the political system in the United States leaves our government particularly vulnerable to leverage by foreign interests. Open and meaningful disclosure about who is funding lobbying campaigns is clearly the best way to provide a counterbalance and prevent undue influence. The proposals in HR 806 for an FEC clearinghouse and for reform of FARA will provide an uncomplicated, inexpensive and effective way to take a giant step in this direction.

Once people have information, they can make informed choices -- without accurate information, American policies and politics will be subject to manipulation. It is up to the Congress and the Administration to revise the relevant statutes to remove the cloak of secrecy from the lobbying activities of foreign interests.

Mr. Chairman, I know that this Subcommittee as well as some of our colleagues in the Senate are looking toward a comprehensive review of FARA perhaps in conjunction with reform of the lobbying statutes. It is my hope that you will include an affirmative request for exemption, civil penalties, subpoena powers and quarterly filing requirements for foreign agents as a part of the reform. This would greatly enhance the effectiveness of my proposal for an FEC clearinghouse to store and make available all the information presently being collected at various offices in the government and will bring much needed disclosure to attempts by foreign interests to influence U.S. policies.

Sunshine is the best disinfectant. I urge your support for H.R. 806 and its provisions for responsible disclosure.

Mr. FRANK. Let me ask you just one question, which I ask any or all of you to comment on. As I read through the statements here, I see in the statement of Mr. Gibson from the State Department and then from Mr. Neill from Neill & Co., from Mr. Richardson on behalf of the Association for International Investment, one central point, which is their objection to treating representatives of foreign interests any differently than American interests. People say, well, if this is a good thing to do, why not for everybody? Would any of you want to address what I think is a threshold question as we deal with this? What is the justification for making any differentiation in the law—and I realize the law already does make one—for continuing, deepening, or whatever, between lobbying activities on behalf of purely domestic ownership and lobbying activity where there is a substantial foreign ownership interest?

Mr. GLICKMAN. Well, in fact, we have made the distinction. It's been the law for 60 years already. So, we've said that there are political and economic reasons served in this country by recognizing that foreign interests may have as their goals ideas for America which are different from domestic interests. It may be political; it may be economic, but in the area of economic and political security in this country, foreign interests may be different than domestic interests. Therefore, what we are asking for is more adequate disclosure of those foreign interests. In hundreds and hundreds of areas of our law, we treat foreign interests differently than domestic interests. In defense proposals, securities, futures, you name it, we differentiate that.

The goal here is not to keep foreign investment out of the country; it's to require disclosure, to see if a problem takes place. That's all.

The other point I would make, Mr. Chairman, is that in fact experts have told me that the burdens of requiring disclosure and lobbying domestically are more onerous than they are on foreigners. For the most part, that is domestic lobbying laws are more prophylactic in terms of their requirements for disclosure than foreign ownership and foreign representation is. There is a lot of confusion here. All we want to do is take an existing statute that the Congress has repeatedly said is useful—it's on the books; it serves the motives of the United States—and make it more clear. And, in doing so, I don't think that foreign investment is jeopardized; I don't think that free trade is jeopardized. I do believe, however, that the people of this country of ours deserve to know who is representing foreign interests in this country.

Mr. GUARINI. I might say that we are a very open democracy and, as a result, we are extremely vulnerable from all sides, being as open as we are. The very reason that we passed this law in 1938, as I indicated, was for national security reasons. At that time, it was the threat of the Nazis and the war that did emanate 1 or 2 years later in 1939.

The very purpose of the act in the first place is the same purpose that we have today. National security—the only difference is that the source is different. I do think that our policies should be shaped by our people who vote. We take money in political campaigns from our people; we don't take money from foreign entities

for that same particular reason. So, you can see there is a differentiation that does exist.

Mr. FRANK. Any others? Ms. Kaptur.

Ms. KAPTUR. I would just agree with my colleagues, but I might just add a postscript. Mr. Chairman, if you and your membership are inclined to strengthen the domestic lobbying laws, I would be the first one to support you, so that there is some parallelism. But, I do regard this particular area as one where the information is so scattered and incomplete, and with the changes in the trade balance and so forth, and if you look at the GNP of our country versus others, there are some severe pressures on us now as a result of lobbying that is coming from foreign interests in this country. I think our people have a right to know what those are. But, I would certainly encourage you to also look at the domestic lobbying.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you. One of the things I'm going to ask the staff to do—and if any of you have this information, you might submit it. The State Department raises questions with regard to reciprocity and international obligations. I'd be interested in what other countries do in this regard. I think we will ask the Library of Congress to help us with that. [See appendix.] If any of you have such information, that would also be useful. What are the rules that exist that cover activities on behalf of Americans in other countries?

Mr. GUARINI. May I say, Mr. Chairman, the clearinghouse that Marcy Kaptur and I have proposed would be also an excellent idea to use for disclosure of our domestic lobbying, too. It shouldn't just be limited to foreign agents. If we have one place where we can congregate and assemble all the information, people can make informed judgments as to where that particular lobbying is coming from and how they should react to it.

Mr. FRANK. I thought you were going to say we would have one place to assemble all the lobbyists, and I was going to suggest that your committee ought to serve that function.

[Laughter.]

Mr. Gekas.

Mr. GEKAS. I thank the Chair.

I have some concerns on this issue which I will make clear as we move along in the process, but I ought to register them with you now, so that you can help me overcome them, if possible. One is I'm not as convinced as Dan Glickman seems to be that this whole series of proposals that is made by your panel would not staunch foreign investment and would not act, as he seems to imply, as a chilling factor in the foreign investment, for which many of us continue to yearn while we're in this horrendous deficit. That's the No. 1 concern. Throughout the whole consideration of these issues, I have to be convinced that that is not the case.

Second, the Congress in 1966 acted on a couple of these very same concerns which you seem to want to polish perhaps a little more, but I'm not convinced that that polishing at this moment is required. For instance, on the attorney exemption, the law that was amended back in, I guess, 1966 when Emanuel Celler was the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, the hallowed Mr. Celler, the attorneys' exemption was rather well-defined. I'm afraid, from

what Frank was talking about in the exemption—were you talking about the attorneys' exemption?

Mr. GUARINI. I'm saying keep the exemption as it is, but at least let the lawyers notify the Department of Justice by filing a paper stating that they are taking the attorneys' exemption.

Mr. GEKAS. That exact point bothers me, only because it would require, as I envision it, that there be a possible separate judiciary disposition of a request for an exemption which could go up to the Supreme Court.

Mr. GUARINI. No——

Mr. GEKAS. What I'm saying is——

Mr. GUARINI. You're right.

Mr. GEKAS. [continuing]. What you're building into the process——

Mr. GUARINI. No, you're right, George.

Mr. GEKAS. [continuing]. Is another judicial administrative process.

Mr. GUARINI. Maybe I overstated. What the bill says is all they do is send in a letter. It doesn't have to be approved. They just send a letter saying that we represent so and so and are complying with the law requiring filing for the attorneys' exemption, period. That's all. No form, nothing has to be approved of. At least we know that that lawyer is representing that foreign entity.

Mr. GLICKMAN. May I just make a point?

Mr. GEKAS. Yes.

Mr. GLICKMAN. Currently, there is no blanket lawyers' exemption, you know; there are limits to it. But, the real problem is in the area of administrative proceedings. The current exemption allows lawyers to essentially represent foreign interests before administrative proceedings without registration. Now think about it. That's USTR in some cases; it could be the Interior Department in connection with the operation of concessions at a national park; in connection with the acquisition of a major movie studio by a Japanese electronics concern; where off-the-record discussions take place and deals are made.

The point is that while the current exemption is not blanket, there is a whole area in which the exemption permits no registration whatsoever, and deals are made at this level, and that is wrong. So, my proposal allows the exemption to essentially cover only administrative proceedings before the Patent and Trademark Office, where proceedings are secret and before a court of law.

Mr. GUARINI. Well, I don't think the law excludes lawyering. In other words, if it is a legal case for diplomatic, for academic, for humanitarian purposes, for legal, there is no registration in the Foreign Agents Registration Act. But, in an area where so many lawyers here in Washington take the fee from the client and they say to themselves, well, since I can slide by registering by using the attorney's exemption.

Mr. GEKAS. That's not quite the case, I don't believe, Frank.

Mr. GUARINI. Well, that's my understanding.

Mr. GEKAS. I can't envision many situations in which an attorney going before an agency or before an individual Member of Congress will not be saying, "I represent that company"——

Mr. GUARINI. Oh, no.

Mr. GEKAS [continuing]. That foreign interest.

Mr. GUARINI. No. Eventually he will show up and then you will know. But, I'm saying that the law does not require him to even say in advance that he is representing the foreign entity.

Mr. GLICKMAN. If I may just add—

Mr. GUARINI. He just takes the exemption automatically.

Mr. GLICKMAN. If my colleague will yield—the law says now if a lawyer comes up here to lobby on behalf of a client, theoretically he's required to register right now.

Mr. GUARINI. But I'm talking about what occurs in practice, the fact is, most of them do not register.

Mr. GLICKMAN. In most cases it doesn't happen; we know that. It doesn't happen very much in the domestic area as well.

But, where an exemption exists for lawyers before administrative agencies, that is wrong. That's where most of the deals are cut.

Mr. GEKAS. "Defines legal representation and excludes attempts to influence or persuade agency personnel or officials other than in the course of established agency proceedings."

Mr. GLICKMAN. Yes, well, that's a formal administrative proceeding, but—

Mr. GEKAS. Yes.

Mr. GLICKMAN [continuing]. What I'm saying is that if there is a proceeding taking place, even off-the-record discussions during that proceeding are exempt from registration under FARA, and that's what happens all the time. Usually these proceedings are not—

Mr. FRANK. If the gentleman would yield—I wonder, we might be arguing over something that's not of any great moment, because presumably if you are representing a client before an agency, there's a formal filing of the fact that you are representing that client before that agency. So, maybe we're just talking about taking that one piece of paper and sending it somewhere else. It doesn't sound like there's any new breach of privacy thing. In that case, I wouldn't see any problem with saying, OK, send that piece of paper over here.

Mr. GEKAS. I just think it might be—I'm reticent in abandoning some of the procedures that are already set that we don't have any evidence are not working. If we have a record of abuses in that regard, then we ought to put that into the—

Mr. GLICKMAN. George, it's estimated that anywhere between 70 and 95 percent of all required filings theoretically under the law are just not made. People are not filing under FARA. The data is partially anecdotal, partially talked about by the GAO, and we don't know the answer to your question; that's one of the big problems.

Mr. GUARINI. George, may I just for the record state that in my statement, my long statement that I submitted for the record, I quote the law. I said the legal exemption is particularly broad in covering "any person qualified to practice law insofar as he engages or agrees to engage in a legal representation of a disclosed foreign principal before any court of law or any agency of the Government of the United States, provided that legal representation does not include attempts to influence or persuade agency personnel or officials other than in the course of establishing agency pro-

ceedings, whether formal or informal." That's the law in our statute.

Mr. GEKAS. I know there are many people from my general experience—

Mr. FRANK. I guess there are two separate questions we should look at. One is the extent to which there is lax enforcement of the current law, and then a second question as to whether or not we're able to get good enforcement of the current law, whether you need to go further. I think there's a linkage, though, because I think the argument that our colleagues are making is that, because there is some exemption, it then becomes hard to enforce those areas where there is no exemption because you get into a gray area.

Mr. GUARINI. A gray area.

Mr. FRANK. But, those are questions we all have to look at.

Mr. GEKAS. But, that is correct; that is my concern about many of the provisions that you offer, and that is, if it's the case, why do not the present statutes result in enforcement of some of these lapses which you describe?

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Gekas, I would like to submit for the record the 1990 July GAO study on foreign agent registration. They specifically identify what is not being enforced. I won't belabor it during the hearing, but they do make several recommendations.

They do say that the direction given to Justice is unclear, and they are looking for congressional guidance in order to tighten up the administrative procedures for a filing, and they do go through all of the exemptions and show how the reports come in late. There's really no enforcement that occurs over at Justice and the procedures need clarification. So, I think I would say to your statement that, "1966, why do we need to improve it? There's no reason"—I think this is one of the best reports. We will submit this for the record.

Mr. FRANK. Let me just say as far as the record, I would ask unanimous consent to take the summary of that, the executive summary, and put it into the record and then reference the rest, so that we don't have to print the whole thing.

Mr. GEKAS. That's fine.

[The information follows:]

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The Honorable Carl Levin
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of Government Management
Committee on Governmental Affairs
United States Senate

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your request, we have updated our 1980 report¹ on the Department of Justice's administration of foreign agent² registration. Our objectives were to determine whether (1) the recommendations made in our 1980 report have been implemented and (2) foreign agents are complying with the law by registering with the Department of Justice, by fully disclosing their activities, and by filing required reports on time. We also reviewed the adequacy of the Justice Department's disclosure criteria and guidance.

In our 1980 report, we recommended that the Attorney General seek legislative authority to (1) require written notification to the Justice Department of all exemption claims prior to any agent activity and (2) give the Justice Department additional enforcement measures (such as administrative subpoena powers, a schedule of civil fines for minor violations, and increases in existing fines).

The Department of Justice has not implemented the recommendations we made in our 1980 report. As a result, the Department has no information on exemptions and still has limited enforcement authority.

The administration of foreign agent registration has remained a problem. The Justice Department currently maintains files on approximately 775 foreign agents. Our review of Justice's files on a random sample of 46 of these agents indicated that one-half of them had not fully disclosed their activities; over one-half registered initial forms late; and over one-half filed their required semiannual reports late.

We also found that the Justice Department's disclosure criteria is unclear. Both foreign agents and the Justice Department officials who review the agents' registration forms lack specific written guidance on what should be reported. The questions on the semiannual supplemental statements are general and do not specifically require the information necessary to satisfy the act's disclosure requirements.

In addition to reaffirming our 1980 recommendations, we further recommend that the Attorney General direct the Registration Unit to take the following actions:

Develop standard disclosure criteria for reporting under the act; provide specific guidance to agents and agency personnel on the criteria and how information should be reported; and enforce compliance with the criteria.

Revise the supplemental statement to better reflect the requirements of the act as well as the standard criteria.

The Department of Justice uses the lack of authority as a reason for not taking action to enforce the law but has not sought the needed legislative authority. Therefore, the Congress may wish to consider amending the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, to give the Department of Justice the authority to:

Subpoena foreign agents to appear, testify, or produce records at administrative hearings.

Impose administrative fines for minor violations against those who, after being directly informed of their obligation to report, still fail to do so.

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Sincerely yours,



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¹Improvements Needed in the Administration of Foreign Agent Registration (ID-60-61, July 31, 1980).

²The term foreign agent means any person who acts or engages or agrees to act as a public relations counsel, publicity agent, or as agent, servant, representative, or attorney for a foreign principal or for any domestic organization subsidized directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by a foreign principal.

Mr. GEKAS. But, I still, even from what your—

Mr. GLICKMAN. May I just make one comment?

Mr. GEKAS [continuing]. Description was, Marcy, what you read there, it doesn't call for wholesale firing out the present law and instituting new provisions. It may be tightening up the procedures within the Justice Department for followup and enforcement of the existing law, but that's my conservative view of the process.

Mr. GUARINI. Well, I think civil penalties are very necessary to improved enforcement.

Mr. GLICKMAN. We're not talking about wholesale changing the law. But, as Frank said, if the only remedy is a criminal remedy, which is what you have under FARA right now, it discourages enforcement, particularly of more minor violations. That's why having a civil remedy would help.

Mr. GEKAS. Which brings me to my last consideration. I worry about the establishment of a new administrative law body and agency within the State Department—I mean within the Justice Department—for followup on this particular act of law.

Mr. GLICKMAN. We did the same thing under the Ethics in Government Act.

Mr. GEKAS. Well, that doesn't mean that it's correct.

Mr. GLICKMAN. No, but what we did was recognize that the Government ought to have more power than just to send somebody to the penitentiary if they make a mistake.

Mr. GEKAS. You brought up a very tantalizing issue, and there will be a lot of debate on it. I now excuse myself from this hearing. Thank you.

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Ramstad.

Mr. RAMSTAD. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you. I thank the panel. I would just note, as this shows, this is one of these issues I think in which, because of the nature of our work, we have a good deal of expertise among ourselves and I expect that we will be continuing these kinds of discussions. I thank the Members for being willing to participate. I think this has been very helpful.

Mr. GUARINI. Mr. Chairman, the clearinghouse concept is an inexpensive, uncomplicated, and very simple solution to, because all you're doing is just assembling everything in one place.

Mr. FRANK. I guess you couldn't put it in the Tax Code, then, so we'll have to take care of it.

[Laughter.]

Mr. GUARINI. Right.

Mr. FRANK. We will next hear from our administration panel. I would ask them to come up together. We'll take their statements and their questions together.

Mark Richard is the Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, and he is accompanied by Joseph Clarkson, who is Director of the Registration Unit. Stephen Gibson is Director of the Office of Investment Affairs, Department of State.

STATEMENT OF MARK RICHARD, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ACCOMPANIED BY JOSEPH CLARKSON, DIRECTOR, REGISTRATION UNIT

Mr. RICHARD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Mark Richard. I'm Deputy Assistant Attorney General with the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. I oversee the operation of our Internal Security Section which is charged with the responsibility of administering the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The head of the unit which does, in fact, administer the act is Joseph Clarkson, who is on my right, and has been fulfilling this responsibility for many years.

With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I would merely summarize my lengthy statement and submit the statement for the record.

Mr. FRANK. Without objection, we'll accept it.

Mr. RICHARD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to mention at the outset that the Department has forwarded a proposed bill to Congress in June 1991 which contains a number of provisions suggesting revision similar to that contained in H.R. 1725. We at the Department of Justice look forward to working with the committee staff in the joint endeavor to modify and strengthen the disclosure requirements of the act.

The history of the act has already been alluded to, and I won't dwell on it. I'll go right to the analysis of—

Mr. FRANK. I appreciate that. That will be part of the record. I thank you.

Mr. RICHARD. Thank you.

The Department has no objection to changing the term "agent of a foreign principal" to "representative of a foreign principal" or the term "political propaganda" to "political promotional or information materials." Similarly, since "agent" and "representative" are synonymous and the definition of either word would include a range of relationships, the Department sees no difficulty in changing the title of the act and one of its key terms from "agent" to "representative."

The bill expands, however, the scope of representative of a foreign principal to include a much broader range of activities and also expands the coverage of the act by its change in the definition of political activities. The bill would include within the definition of a representative of a foreign principal a person who engages in political activities for the purpose of furthering commercial, industrial, or financial operations with a foreign principal.

Under current law, the Department must establish both that an agency relationship exists and that the activities are for or on behalf of the foreign principal, a much narrower class of representatives. This represents a reversal of the congressional choice reflected in the 1966 amendments for the widest possible commercial exemption and would, in fact, require the registration of American subsidiaries of foreign parents which are currently exempt from the registration and disclosure provisions of the act. It, in effect, as we analyze the proposal, creates a whole new category of possible registrants based on a new agency relationship which is not necessarily dependent on the issue of control or supervision.

Similarly, under current law, a domestic person may engage in the political activities defined by the bill, but is only required to register if the person is acting solely in the interest of its principal. The legislative history establishes that the intent of the 1966 amendments was to ensure the activities by an agent in its own behalf, which also benefited its parent, were not sufficient to trigger registration under the act.

The bill also expands the coverage of the act by changing the definition of political activities to include attempts to influence a person with reference to enforcing or changing the domestic or foreign laws and regulations of the United States. Under current law and practice, an attempt to instigate or influence an enforcement action, while political in the popular sense, is not covered by the act since it is treated under the rules of FARA as seeking merely administrative action in a matter where the basic law or policy is not in question.

This provision concerns us because we fear that it would have a chilling effect on the voluntary reporting of violations of Federal laws. Conceivably, individuals who now currently have no obligation to register would incur such an obligation if they chose to report suspected violations of various laws to the Department of Justice and seek enforcement action by the Department of Justice.

The Department also understands that the bill would change the definition of representative to specify in percentage terms when a foreign principal is considered to control a person in major part and recognizes that this is a legislative attempt to expand the reach of the act over multinational corporations.

With respect to the impact such a provision would have on our economic situation and the impact on foreign relations, we at the Department of Justice will defer to our colleague from the Department of State as to the advisability of including such provisions in any revision of FARA.

H.R. 1725 also adds a new exclusion for certain tax-exempt, non-profit membership organizations registered under the Lobbying Act whose activities and funding are wholly domestic. We have no objection in principle to this concept, but point out that some of the requirements as currently set forth in the proposal we think are unenforceable, especially those that specify that in order to qualify, all contributors must be U.S. citizens. That is what we appreciate to be reflected in the current bill.

H.R. 1725 also amends the definition of the term "political consultant." Under current law, a political consultant who disseminates political propaganda is engaged in political activities and must register, but the bill goes beyond the requirements of the current dissemination requirements of FARA and would even extend to hand-delivery of such material to officials of the Government. In this respect, the Department of Justice would have no objection to such a provision.

The bill also narrows the circumstances in which a representative can claim an exemption under section 3(d)(2) of the act for activities not serving predominantly a foreign interest by adding an additional proviso to 1(q) requiring that such activities not involve the representation of the interest of the foreign principal before any agency or official of the Government other than providing in-

formation in response to official requests. With respect to this provision and its potential impact on the economic situation, I will again defer to the Department of State as to its feasibility and desirability.

The Department supports the provision of the bill seeking the repeal of section 3(f) since no countries have been designated under this provision since 1946.

The Department welcomes an amendment to the section 3(g) exemption to clarify the intent to restrict the exemption to attorneys who give legal advice, appear in court, or appear on the record in formal administrative proceedings or nonlegislative congressional hearings. In our opinion, the exemption should not cover lawyers who appear before Congress on legislative matters generally, lobby the executive or legislative branch, or argue their client's case to the public.

Apropos the prior discussion, Mr. Chairman, we believe that an exemption for attorneys who appear before agencies and are on the record is an appropriate exemption. I think the confusion from our experience lies in the concept of formal or informal. We think once there is a public disclosure of the relationship on the record, there is no reason to exclude administrative hearings from the exemption any more than you would want to exclude litigation appearances before courts. So, we think the disclosure made on the record, available to the public for scrutiny, is adequate. In that context, we would support amending the exemption, if you will, to narrow it, but still leave it available for formal administrative proceedings.

The Department has reexamined its position with respect to the concept of requiring a person who seeks to rely on an exemption to notify the Department of Justice of that reliance. We have previously expressed concerns that this provision would shift our focus from identifying individuals who had an obligation to register to verifying those who claim that they were exempt. We were concerned that this would, in effect, dilute the enforcement effort, and we felt that in connection with other proposed amendments, including obtaining the ability to subpoena records under a civil investigative demand, we would have the enforcement tools to verify whether the exemptions are being abused.

On reflection, though, we are prepared to support, at least in the category of attorneys and commercial exemption claims, the concept of notice of the invocation of the claim to the Department of Justice as a means of providing us with a data base on which we can take whatever appropriate enforcement action we think necessary to verify the appropriateness of the exemption claim.

The Department of Justice supports the addition of civil fines as an enforcement tool. We have proposed in our bill that the Attorney General be given authority to assess fines against agents whose filings are late. Late filing by registrants defeats the disclosure provisions and purposes of the act.

We also think that the change of reporting dates, together with the proposal that the Attorney General be given authority to assess significant fines, would give the Department both the carrot and stick it needs to resolve the problem of late filings. We have, however, difficulty with the language of H.R. 1725 that would ad-

ministratively impose fines for the omission or misstatement of material facts. With respect to the imposition of fines for these failures, we believe these penalties should be imposed in a judicial context rather than requiring the establishment of a whole new administrative bureaucracy within the Department of Justice.

Let me say parenthetically with respect to the imposition of fines for the filing of false and incomplete registration statements, that we do not view this as inconsistent with existing criminal penalties for such acts, but rather as an alternative that would be available to the Department of Justice to utilize in addition to or instead of criminal prosecution.

The Department, as I already indicated, strongly supports the addition of subpoena authority and suggests that, rather than adopting the organized crime provision on this subject, we would urge that Congress adopt the type of provision drafted by the Department which is based on the more detailed antitrust provisions, just in terms of the mechanics of how it would work.

We also support that provision of the bill which would eliminate the current random reporting date system and require all agents to file their supplemental statements semiannually.

I would conclude my summary with just the addition of some other elements contained in our bill which we would urge be considered, and that is that provision which would deal with the problem of the statute of limitations. We recently had one judicial ruling which suggested that the statute of limitations runs from the date of cessation of the agency relationship, notwithstanding other provisions of the act that suggest that the statute of limitations continues until there is a filing; that is to say, the statute does not begin to run until there is an actual filing. We would like to remedy this situation by specifically indicating that the statute of limitations does not run until such time as there is a filing.

This concludes my summary, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Clarkson and I would be prepared to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you, Mr. Richard. Thank you for a very specific and useful model of testimony. I appreciate it. It was exactly what we most like to get and don't always get. So, I'm particularly appreciative of it in this situation, because it is with the degree of specificity that most helps us.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Richard follows:]

PREPARED STATEMENT OF MARK RICHARD, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,
CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

I am pleased to have an opportunity to testify before this Subcommittee with respect to H.R. 1725, a bill "to strengthen the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. I believe I can provide the most assistance to this Subcommittee by commenting briefly on the history and purposes of the Act before analyzing the relevant sections affected by H.R. 1725. I would like to mention that the Department forwarded a proposed bill to Congress on June 3, 1991, which contains a number of provisions similar to those in H.R. 1725. I look forward to working with this Subcommittee in its efforts to strengthen the disclosure requirements of the Act.

HISTORY AND PURPOSES OF THE
FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT

The initial enactment of the Foreign Agents Registration Act in 1938 was a result of the recommendations of a special committee under the chairmanship of Congressman John McCormack of Massachusetts to investigate un-American activities in the United States. The committee had studied the rise of propaganda activity by European fascist and communist governments to determine whether new means were needed to protect U.S. citizens from propaganda of foreign origin aimed at the subversion of the fundamental principles upon which our Constitution rests. A significant finding of this study was the discovery that an extensive underground propaganda apparatus had been established by the Nazi government using American firms and citizens.

The report of the House Judiciary Committee reporting out the bill - The Foreign Agents Registration Act - stated the bill was aimed to throw the "spotlight of pitiless publicity" on American propaganda agents of foreign governments. The Committee wrote that "such propaganda is not prohibited under the proposed bill" and that its purpose was to "make available to the American public the sources that promote and pay for the spread of such foreign propaganda."

In June 1938, this bill was enacted into law with little debate in Congress. The Act has been amended on several occasions, the most significant amendments occurring in 1942 and 1966. The 1942 amendments included a preface to the Act broadening its purpose to include protection of U.S. foreign policy as well as our national defense and internal security. In addition, the labeling of all political propaganda disseminated in the United States through the mails or in interstate or foreign commerce by registered foreign agents was required. Finally, the 1942 amendments authorized the transfer of the responsibility for the Act's administration for the State Department to the Justice Department.

In 1962, Senator J. William Fulbright, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, began a study on the "Non-Diplomatic Activities of Representatives of Foreign Governments" which culminated in the 1966 amendments to the Act. Senator Fulbright was concerned by the increasing number of incidents involving attempts by foreign governments or their

agents to influence the conduct of American foreign policy by technique outside normal diplomatic channels. He indicated that groups had been organized in the United States, some at the behest of foreign governments or their agents, for the purpose of influencing U.S. foreign policy in directions designed to promote the interests of foreign organizers or supporters. He stated that many foreign governments retained public relations counselors, law firms or other individuals to assist in bringing particular foreign policy points of view to the attention of the United States Government directly through the Congress and through the public at large. Senator Fulbright emphasized that the purpose of examining foreign government lobbying was not to show that such activity was necessarily wrong and, in fact, he pointed out that legitimate representation by U.S. citizens of foreign governments was necessary due to the complexities of international problems.

The 1966 amendments, which still form the core of the present Act, shifted the focus of the Act by placing primary emphasis on the protection of the integrity of our Government's decision-making process and the right to identify the sources of foreign political propaganda.

The current Act: (1) defines who must register with the Department as a foreign agent; (2) specifies how such agents are to register and report on their activities; (3) exempts certain types of foreign agents from registration; (4) has specific filing and labeling requirements for political propaganda

disseminated by registered agents; (5) requires all registered agents to preserve books of account and other records on all their activities and to make these records available for inspection by the officials responsible for enforcing the Act; (6) provides for public examination of all agents' registration statements, reports, and political propaganda filed with the Department; (7) imposes penalties for willful violation of the Act or related regulations, and (8) specifies certain administrative and judicial enforcement procedures available to the Attorney General.

The provisions of the 1966 amendments that would be affected by H.R. 1725 are:

1. The term "agent of a foreign principal" is changed to "representative of a foreign principal"; "political propaganda" to "political promotional or informational materials"; "representative of a foreign principal" is redefined to include a broader range of political activities and to specify in terms of percentages of control when a foreign principal shall be considered to control a person for purposes of the Act. Section 1(d) of the Act would add a class of persons to be excluded from the new definition of representative and redefines the terms "political activities" and "political consultant", bringing them into sharper focus.

2. The commercial exemption provided for in the current Act would be significantly narrowed.

3. The exemption for attorneys would be restricted to appearances before the courts of law and the Patent and Trademark Office.

4. Administratively imposed civil fines and the authority to issue civil investigate demands (CID) would be added to the present enforcement tools.

ANALYSIS OF H.R. 1725

The Department supports efforts to clarify and strengthen the registration and enforcement requirements of the Act, and in particular supports the addition of civil fines and the addition of CID authority to the Act. As earlier mentioned, the Department has drafted a bill including its own CID provision and submitted it to Congress, and stands ready to work with this Subcommittee on legislation to amend FARA.

The Department has no objection to changing the term "agent of a foreign principal" to "representative of a foreign principal" or the term "political propaganda" to "political promotional or informational materials". The Department successfully defended the earlier legislative choice of the term "political propaganda" in the United States Supreme Court, but we have no objection to this change. Similarly, since agent and representative are synonymous and the definition of either

word would include a range of relationships, the Department sees no difficulty in changing the title of the Act and one of its key terms from agent to representative.

The bill expands the scope of "representative of a foreign principal" to include a broader range of activities and also expands the coverage of the Act by its change in the definition of "political activities". The bill would include within the definition of a "representative of a foreign principal" a person who engages in political activities for the purpose of furthering commercial, industrial, or financial operations with a foreign principal. Under current law, the Department must establish both that an agency relationship exists and that the activities are for or on behalf of the foreign principal, a much narrower class of "representatives". This represents a reversal of the congressional choice reflected in the 1966 amendments for the widest possible commercial exemption and would require the registration of American subsidiaries of foreign parents which are currently exempt from the registration and disclosure provisions of the Act.

Under current law, a domestic person may engage in the political activities defined by the bill but is only required to register if the person is acting solely in the interests of its principal. The legislative history establishes that the intent of the 1966 amendments was to ensure the activities by an agent in its own behalf which also benefited its foreign parent were not sufficient to trigger the registration of the agent.

The bill also expands the coverage of the Act by changing the definition of "political activities" to include attempts to influence a person with reference to enforcing or changing the domestic or foreign laws and regulations of the United States. Under current law and practice, an attempt to instigate or to influence an enforcement action, while "political" in the popular sense, is not covered by the Act since it is treated by Rule 100(e) as seeking administrative action in a matter where the basic law or policy is not in question. The inclusion of efforts to influence enforcement actions in the definition of political activity concerns us. We fear that this could have a chilling effect on the voluntary reporting of violations of the federal laws. Attempts to influence the content of regulations have been exempt under the same regulation as well as under the exemption for attorneys, as long as the attorneys stay within established agency proceedings. Except as noted, the Department has no objection to the inclusion of these activities within the statutory scheme. We do believe that the word "foreign" should be used only in conjunction with the word "policy."

The Department also notes that the bill would change the definition of "representative" to specify in percentage terms when a foreign principal is considered to control a person in major part and recognizes this as a legislative attempt to expand the reach of the Act over multinational corporations. While this

provision does not present any administrative difficulties from the Department's standpoint, I will defer to the Department of State as to advisability of including such a provision in FARA.

H.R. 1725 adds a new exclusion to section 1(d) of the Act for certain tax-exempt nonprofit membership organizations registered under the Lobbying Act whose activities and funding are wholly domestic. The Department welcomes congressional assistance in delineating the situations in which international groups, including bilateral chambers of commerce, trade unions, consumer groups and political organizations are exempt or excluded under the Act. We stand ready to work with the Subcommittee on this issue in establishing workable criteria to enable the organizations and the Department to resolve the degree, if any, of foreign control or subsidy.

H.R. 1725 amends the definition of the term "political consultant" to include anyone with the requisite relationship who distributes political promotional or informational materials to an officer or employee of the United States Government in his capacity as such an officer or employee. Under current law, a political consultant who disseminates "political propaganda" is engaged in political activities and must register, but the bill goes beyond the requirements of dissemination set out in section 4 of the Act and would include hand delivery of an argument to such an official. Again, the Department would have no objection to expanding the Act in this fashion.

H.R. 1725 also narrows the circumstances in which a representative can claim an exemption under section 3(d)(2) of the Act for activities not serving predominantly a foreign interest by adding an additional proviso to section 1(q) requiring that such activities not involve the representation of the interest of the foreign principal before any agency or official of the government of the United States other than providing information in response to official requests or as a necessary part of a formal judicial or administrative proceeding. Although the Department has no objection in principle to further limiting the exemption, I will again defer to the Department of State as to the advisability of including such a provision in FARA. There may also be some ambiguity in excluding from the proviso "the initiation of such a (formal judicial or administrative) proceeding" and including as a political activity "influencing with reference to enforcing" the domestic or foreign laws, regulation or policies of the United States. There is distinction between the two, but it should be clarified.

The Department supports the repeal of section 3(f) of the Act, since no countries have been designated under this section since September 30, 1946.

The Department welcomes an amendment to the section 3(g) exemption to clarify the intent to restrict the exemption to attorneys who give legal advice, appear in court, or appear on the record in formal administrative proceedings, or nonlegislative congressional hearings. The exemption should not,

in our opinion, cover attorneys who appear before Congress on legislative matters generally, lobby the Executive or Legislative branches, or argue their client's case to the public. To accomplish our purpose we suggest striking the last four words from the current language and adding the following new sentence, "Established agency proceedings are those proceedings which are a matter of public record." We are unaware of the special concerns of the patent and trademark attorneys which require their wholesale exemption from the Act.

The Department supports, with certain reservations, the provision of H.R. 1725 requiring a person who does not register in reliance on an exemption to notify the Attorney General of that claim. We believe this provision should only apply to those exemptions afforded by sections 3(d) and (g), the so-called commercial and attorney exemptions. Notification to the Department by those claiming exemption under sections 3(a), (b) and (c) would be unnecessarily burdensome since the status of these individuals is already a matter of record with the Department of State. It should be recognized that implementation of this provision will require the commitment of the additional resources necessary to deal with these notifications.

The Department supports the addition of civil fines as an enforcement tool. We have proposed in our bill that the Attorney General be given authority to assess fines against agents whose filings are late, similar to the authority the Internal Revenue Service now enjoys. Late filing by registrants defeats the

purpose of the Act. We think that the change of reporting dates, together with the proposal that the Attorney General be given authority to assess significant fines, would give the Department both the carrot and the stick it needs to resolve this problem. We have difficulty with the language of H.R. 1725 that would administratively impose fines for the omission or misstatement of material facts. We believe these penalties should be imposed judicially. The Department also suggests that unpaid late filing assessments and all other civil penalties be litigated in the appropriate United States District Court rather than in a separate administrative proceeding in which the Department is both prosecutor and judge. We stand ready to work with the Subcommittee to resolve this issue.

The Department also supports the addition of subpoena authority to the Act and suggests that rather than adopting the organized crime provision on this subject, the Congress adopt the CID provision drafted by the Department for this purpose, which is based on the more detailed antitrust provision. This language is included in the Department's proposed bill to amend the Act.

The Department supports section (b) of the bill, which would eliminate the current random reporting date system and require all agents to file their supplemental statements semiannually on July 31st and January 31st. It has been our experience that if registrants could choose their own reporting date, the vast majority would choose those in the bill. We anticipate that allowing them to so report will improve the timeliness of their

reporting. In order to achieve the most timely compliance, the Department agrees that an agent with a fiscal year different than the calendar year be allowed to petition for reporting dates that will facilitate compliance with the Act. The provision in H.R. 1725 accomplishes this.

H.R. 1725 addresses a number of the problems that have arisen in the administration and enforcement of the Act since its last significant amendment in 1966. We commend the Subcommittee for undertaking this endeavor. We urge the Subcommittee and the Congress to go forward with this effort, and we stand ready to provide whatever assistance you may require.

In that regard, I want to conclude my testimony with a brief description of the bill that the Department has drafted and submitted for congressional consideration, along with a Section-by-Section analysis of the bill. The Department's draft bill is meant to provide us with more effective investigative tools and civil enforcement remedies necessary to ensure compliance with the Act, clarify some areas of particular concern, and make some administrative or housekeeping changes, most notably in the dates of the semiannual reporting obligations of agents. It incorporates a number of the recommendations from the recent GAO audit of the Department's administration of the Act.

The bill would amend the Act to provide the Attorney General with authority to issue CIDs to investigate suspected violations of the Act, similar to the authority he already possesses under

the antitrust laws, and add some new definitions to accomplish this. It would also authorize the imposition of civil fines for late registration filings. The bill also changes the current system of random reporting dates to a uniform system for updating registration based on periods that end on June 30th and December 31st respectively, explicitly authorizes the execution of the documents utilizing a power of attorney, and clarifies the circumstances in which an attorney may claim exemption from the Act.

Further, the bill would clarify the original intent of Congress and provide an incentive for using the Department's Rule 2 "advisory opinion" mechanism (28 C.F.R. 5.2) by providing that the statute of limitations begins to run at the time an opinion is requested. The bill would also protect the confidentiality of documents and information submitted by registrants and potential registrants in the course of inspections or in response to a CID, by providing a specific exemption for these documents under the Freedom of Information Act. Further, it amends section 1505 of Title 18, United States Code, to make obstruction of a CID a crime.

This concludes my prepared testimony. At this point, I will be please to respond to any questions you may have.

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Gibson.

STATEMENT OF STEPHEN R. GIBSON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INVESTMENT AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ACCOMPANIED BY GERALD ROSEN, OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISER

Mr. GIBSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Stephen Gibson, Director of the State Department's Office of Investment Affairs. Among my responsibilities are development and advice on investment policy within the Department of State. I have with me, Mr. Chairman, Gerry Rosen from the Office of the Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make summary comments and submit my longer statement for the record.

Mr. FRANK. You certainly have my permission to do that, and we'll put your statement in the record.

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Chairman, I would like to limit my comments to amendments that are of specific concern to the Department of State. These would be the proposed amendment in H.R. 1725 to section 1(c) of the act and the amendment to section 1(q) of the act.

The section 1(q) amendment, as we see it, would alter the philosophy underlying the current exemption from registration. We would no longer be able to accept as a basis for exemption from registration a demonstration by a foreign-owned U.S. corporation that it has a substantial economic interest in a particular representation independent of its parent's interest.

Section 1(c) is a related issue, because this would add a statutory standard to the regulatory criteria for defining foreign control. In accordance with this proposed amendment, an irrebuttable presumption of foreign control would exist for majority foreign owned U.S. companies, compelling registration unless an exemption is available. For U.S. companies with 20 to 50 percent foreign equity, a rebuttable presumption of foreign control would prevail.

Taken together, Mr. Chairman, these two amendments would have the effect of requiring significantly more U.S. corporations to register under the act. This could increase the cost and burdens of administering the act as well as possibly increase costs to a wide range of U.S. companies of doing business in the United States. U.S. companies with as little as 20 percent foreign equity could be faced with increased costs in pursuing their own legitimate business interests, whether by complying with a requirement to register or seeking to rebut the presumption of foreign control.

Mr. Chairman, the amendments may send a negative message to foreign investors and to American companies seeking an infusion of foreign capital, technology, or other assets. The United States has undertaken international obligations to accord national treatment to established investment. Relevant obligations are contained in many of our treaties of friendship, commerce, and navigation, and in all of our bilateral investment treaties. For example, the model bilateral investment treaty accords national treatment to investment and activities associated therewith. "Associated activities" is defined to include all operational aspects of an investment.

National treatment requires that foreign and foreign-owned firms be treated no less favorably than domestically owned U.S.

firms in respect to the conditions under which they may establish and do business in this country. In return, we expect that U.S.-owned firms in our treaty partner countries will be treated no less favorably than domestically owned firms in those countries.

The Foreign Agents Registration Act has, to date, basically respected this principle by making one of its central tests that a person's activities be predominantly for, or on behalf of, a foreign national, and by applying that test to United States- and foreign-owned persons alike.

The amendments proposed in H.R. 1725 that I am addressing would reach foreign-owned U.S. firms pursuing their own interests regardless of whether those interests also happened to be shared by a foreign principal. Thus, a foreign-owned U.S. firm that sought a change in a law in order to advance its own bona fide economic interests in this country would be subject to registration, while a domestically owned firm seeking an identical change would not be required to register. It would not be surprising, Mr. Chairman, if our treaty partners saw this as discrimination on the basis of nationality of ownership alone and, as such, incompatible with national treatment. We are, therefore, concerned that these particular amendments to the act may be perceived as a retreat from a principle that has served us well.

Moreover, our friendship, commerce, and navigation treaties and our bilateral investment treaties rely on the principle that incorporation in a host state is a fundamental entitlement to do business in the same way as a domestic corporation. This principle underlies the position of many U.S. companies that are relying on incorporation in a European member state as a predicate for doing business in the post-1992 European Community.

Some may argue that in no case should a locally incorporated foreign company be engaged in the host company's political process. This is the position that many developing countries take in regard to U.S. companies operating in them. But, with governmental policies and regulations so essential to commercial success, the act itself inherently recognizes that political activity may be in the furtherance of bona fide U.S. commercial, industrial, or financial interests. In such case, the current act's possibility of exception to registration should be retained.

In sum, Mr. Chairman, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, as amended, has as its purpose the protection of the integrity of our Government's decisionmaking process through the identification of sources of foreign political propaganda. The amendments I have been discussing would not achieve the same purpose. Instead, they would result in unequal treatment for two U.S. companies pleading their own identical cases. There would be discrimination in an area where no valid purpose would be served by it.

For these reasons, Mr. Chairman, the Department of State urges the subcommittee not to adopt the amendments I have been discussing here. Thank you very much.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you, sir.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Gibson follows:]

TESTIMONY OF STEPHEN R. GIBSON
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INVESTMENT AFFAIRS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
OF THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
JULY 24, 1991

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LET ME EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN H.R. 1725 TO THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT (FARA). THE STATE DEPARTMENT FULLY SUPPORTS THE BASIC CONCEPT THAT PERSONS CONTROLLED BY FOREIGN INTERESTS SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS SUCH WHEN REPRESENTING THOSE INTERESTS BEFORE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT MY COMMENTS TO TWO AMENDMENTS THAT ARE OF SPECIFIC CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE -- 1) THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1(C) OF THE ACT, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH STATUTORY STANDARDS FOR DEFINING FOREIGN CONTROL AND 2) THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1(Q) OF THE ACT, WHICH AS WE SEE IT WOULD EFFECTIVELY END THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION OF U.S. SUBSIDIARIES OF FOREIGN COMPANIES WHEN THEY REPRESENT THEIR OWN INTERESTS BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE BELIEVES THAT TAKEN TOGETHER THESE AMENDMENTS ARE INCONSISTENT WITH CERTAIN PRINCIPLES FOUND IN OUR BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATIES AND OUR TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION. MOREOVER, THEY COULD RESULT IN UNNECESSARY DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN U.S. COMPANIES AND IN ADDED COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS FOR U.S. SUBSIDIARIES OF FOREIGN COMPANIES, AND COULD SERVE AS A DISINCENTIVE TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. WE URGE THAT THE AMENDMENTS NOT BE ADOPTED.

THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT, AS AMENDED MOST RECENTLY IN 1966, REQUIRES AN "AGENT OF A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL" TO FILE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL A REGISTRATION STATEMENT DISCLOSING THE FOREIGN PRINCIPAL AND THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON ITS BEHALF. AN AGENT OF A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL IS DEFINED AS A PERSON WHO, "AT THE ORDER, REQUEST, OR UNDER THE DIRECTION OR CONTROL" OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR A FOREIGN NATURAL OR LEGAL PERSON ENGAGES IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES, FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS, OR REPRESENTATION BEFORE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THE 1966 AMENDMENTS INCLUDED AN IMPORTANT EXCEPTION TO THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. SECTION 3(D) EXEMPTS A FOREIGN-CONTROLLED U.S. SUBSIDIARY FROM REGISTRATION WHEN IT ENGAGES IN ACTIVITY THAT WOULD SERVE THE PURELY COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OF ITS FOREIGN PARENT, SUCH AS ADVERTISING OR

PROMOTION. THE SUBSIDIARY IS ALSO EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION FOR "OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT SERVING PREDOMINANTLY A FOREIGN INTEREST." THIS LATTER EXEMPTION ENCOMPASSES POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY FOR MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WERE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE FOREIGN PARENT OR THE U.S. SUBSIDIARY, SECTION 1(Q), DEFINED THE "NOT...PREDOMINANTLY A FOREIGN INTEREST" EXCEPTION. UNDER SECTION 1(Q), A U.S. COMPANY NEED NOT REGISTER AS A FOREIGN AGENT WHEN IT LOBBIES ON A POLITICAL MATTER THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY IN ITS OWN ECONOMIC INTEREST, EVEN THOUGH ITS FOREIGN PARENT ALSO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE DESIRED OUTCOME.

THE AMENDMENT PROPOSED FOR THE SECTION 1(Q) DEFINITION OF ACTIVITIES NOT DEEMED TO SERVE "PREDOMINANTLY A FOREIGN INTEREST" WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE THE RESULT THAT ANY REPRESENTATION TO CONGRESS OR THE ADMINISTRATION BY A FOREIGN-OWNED U.S. COMPANY WOULD HAVE TO BE REGARDED AS SERVING "PREDOMINANTLY A FOREIGN INTEREST," AND THE COMPANY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER.

THIS SECTION 1(Q) AMENDMENT WOULD ALTER THE PHILOSOPHY UNDERLYING THE CURRENT EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION. WE WOULD NO LONGER ACCEPT AS A BASIS FOR EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION A DEMONSTRATION BY A FOREIGN-OWNED U.S. CORPORATION THAT IT HAS A SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC INTEREST IN A PARTICULAR REPRESENTATION INDEPENDENT OF ITS PARENT'S INTEREST.

A RELATED ISSUE IS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1(C) OF THE ACT WHICH WOULD ADD A STATUTORY STANDARD TO THE REGULATORY CRITERIA FOR DEFINING FOREIGN CONTROL. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDMENT, AN IRREBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF FOREIGN CONTROL WOULD EXIST FOR MAJORITY FOREIGN-OWNED U.S. COMPANIES, COMPELLING REGISTRATION UNLESS AN EXEMPTION IS AVAILABLE. FOR U.S. COMPANIES WITH 20 TO 50 PERCENT FOREIGN EQUITY, A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF FOREIGN CONTROL WOULD PREVAIL.

TAKEN TOGETHER, THE TWO AMENDMENTS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REQUIRING SIGNIFICANTLY MORE U.S. CORPORATIONS TO REGISTER UNDER THE ACT. THIS COULD INCREASE THE COSTS AND BURDENS OF ADMINISTERING THE ACT AS WELL AS POSSIBLY INCREASE COSTS TO A WIDE RANGE OF U.S. COMPANIES OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES. U.S. COMPANIES WITH AS LITTLE AS 20 PERCENT FOREIGN EQUITY COULD BE FACED WITH INCREASED COSTS FOR PURSUING THEIR OWN, LEGITIMATE BUSINESS INTERESTS, WHETHER BY COMPLYING WITH A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER OR SEEKING TO REBUT THE PRESUMPTION OF FOREIGN CONTROL.

THE AMENDMENTS MAY SEND A NEGATIVE MESSAGE TO FOREIGN INVESTORS AND TO AMERICAN COMPANIES SEEKING AN INFUSION OF CAPITAL, TECHNOLOGY OR OTHER ASSETS.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE U.S. HAS UNDERTAKEN INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO ACCORD NATIONAL TREATMENT TO ESTABLISHED FOREIGN INVESTMENT. RELEVANT OBLIGATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN MANY OF OUR TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION (FCNS) AND IN ALL OF OUR BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE MODEL BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATY ACCORDS NATIONAL TREATMENT TO "INVESTMENT, AND ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED THEREWITH". "ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES IS DEFINED TO INCLUDE ALL OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF AN INVESTMENT.

NATIONAL TREATMENT REQUIRES THAT FOREIGN AND FOREIGN-OWNED FIRMS BE TREATED NO LESS FAVORABLY THAN DOMESTICALLY-OWNED U.S. FIRMS IN RESPECT OF THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY MAY ESTABLISH AND DO BUSINESS IN THIS COUNTRY. IN RETURN, WE EXPECT THAT U.S.-OWNED FIRMS IN OUR TREATY PARTNER COUNTRIES WILL BE TREATED NO LESS FAVORABLY THAN DOMESTICALLY-OWNED FIRMS IN THOSE COUNTRIES. THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT HAS TO DATE BASICALLY RESPECTED THIS PRINCIPLE BY MAKING ONE OF ITS CENTRAL TESTS THAT A PERSON'S ACTIVITIES BE PREDOMINENTLY FOR OR ON BEHALF OF A FOREIGN NATIONAL, AND BY APPLYING THAT TEST TO U.S. AND FOREIGN-OWNED PERSONS ALIKE.

THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED IN H.R. 1725 WOULD REACH FOREIGN OWNED U.S. FIRMS PURSUING THEIR OWN INTERESTS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THOSE INTERESTS ALSO HAPPENED TO BE SHARED BY A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL. THUS, A FOREIGN-OWNED U.S. FIRM THAT SOUGHT A CHANGE IN A LAW IN ORDER TO ADVANCE ITS OWN BONA FIDE ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN THIS COUNTRY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION, WHILE A DOMESTICALLY-OWNED FIRM SEEKING AN IDENTICAL CHANGE WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER.

IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF OUR TREATY PARTNERS SAW THIS AS DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF NATIONALITY OF OWNERSHIP ALONE, AND AS SUCH INCOMPATIBLE WITH NATIONAL TREATMENT. WE ARE THEREFORE CONCERNED THAT THESE PARTICULAR AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT MAY BE PERCEIVED AS A RETREAT FROM A PRINCIPLE THAT HAS SERVED US WELL.

MOREOVER, OUR FCNS AND INVESTMENT TREATIES RELY ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT INCORPORATION IN A HOST STATE IS A FUNDAMENTAL ENTITLEMENT TO DO BUSINESS IN THE SAME WAY AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION. THIS PRINCIPLE UNDERLIES THE POSITION OF MANY U.S. COMPANIES THAT ARE RELYING ON INCORPORATION IN A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEMBER STATE AS A PREDICATE FOR DOING BUSINESS IN THE POST-1992 EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

SOME MAY ARGUE THAT IN NO CASE SHOULD A LOCALLY INCORPORATED FOREIGN COMPANY BE ENGAGED IN THE HOST COUNTRY'S POLITICAL PROCESS. THIS IS THE POSITION THAT MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TAKE IN REGARD TO U.S. COMPANIES OPERATING

IN THEM. BUT, WITH GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS SO ESSENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL SUCCESS, THE ACT ITSELF INHERENTLY RECOGNIZES THAT POLITICAL ACTIVITY MAY BE IN THE FURTHERANCE OF BONA FIDE U.S. COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR FINANCIAL INTERESTS. IN SUCH CASES, THE CURRENT ACT'S POSSIBILITY OF EXCEPTION TO REGISTRATION SHOULD BE RETAINED.

IN SUM, THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT, AS AMENDED, HAS AS ITS PURPOSE THE PROTECTION OF THE INTEGRITY OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S DECISION MAKING PROCESS THROUGH THE IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FOREIGN POLITICAL PROPAGANDA. THE AMENDMENTS I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WOULD NOT ACHIEVE THE SAME PURPOSE. INSTEAD, THEY WOULD RESULT IN UNEQUAL TREATMENT FOR TWO U.S. COMPANIES PLEADING THEIR OWN IDENTICAL CASES. THERE WOULD BE DISCRIMINATION IN AN AREA WHERE NO VALID PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY IT.

FOR THESE REASONS, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE URGES THE SUBCOMMITTEE NOT TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING.

THANK YOU.

Mr. FRANK. Let me ask you, Mr. Gibson, you talk about the treaty principles that are involved. You stopped short, it seems to me, of saying that this would be a violation of the treaty. Am I correct that you stopped short? Are you unsure? I realize you could find yourself in a difficult position because you could be telling us one thing and then that could be used against you. I note that your legal adviser is nodding.

[Laughter.]

Mr. FRANK. Is it your position—let me phrase it this way—that if we were to pass these bills as they are before us, we would find ourselves asked to defend against serious charges that we've violated the treaties?

Mr. GIBSON. I think that is a possibility, Mr. Chairman, and my legal adviser tells me that we really don't like differentiation between companies in a situation like this. There have not, I might add, to the best of my knowledge, been cases brought on the basis of FARA so far, but the—

Mr. FRANK. But, we do have some differences in the law. I mean, we don't give them identical treatment. Isn't that correct?

Mr. GIBSON. That is correct when they are representing purely the political interests of the foreign parent. When they are representing domestic economic interests the same as an American company, then I believe we do afford them equal treatment under the current act.

Mr. FRANK. And, that's what you interpret the treaties to mean—that if it's any economic interest of the company, if it's the domestic economic interest, that's all that has to be equal there. But, if they were doing something about the home company, that that's—

Mr. GIBSON. It's my understanding that that would fall well within the definition of national—

Mr. FRANK. So, your position, then, is that, when you say "the treaties," it's the locus of the economic activity rather than the nature of the ownership that should govern what the rules are? Is that a fair statement?

Mr. ROSEN, if it's OK with you, if you just want to testify, why don't you just go right ahead?

Mr. ROSEN. As a general rule, yes, that's correct, although we do recognize that there may be differences in circumstances in foreign ownership, and in the current law, in fact, we're quite prepared to defend any charge that the current FARA would be a violation—

Mr. FRANK. And, there have been no charges of violation to date?

Mr. ROSEN. I am not aware of any. We would, of course, develop the best arguments we could—

Mr. FRANK. I understand that. I don't want to put you in a position of making arguments now that you might get thrown in your face later. I appreciate that.

Mr. ROSEN. We would try to defend it. We might be able to come up with some good arguments to defend the amended version, but, as a matter of legal policy, we'd be pretty unhappy doing it because we don't like to try to extend the scope of what's permissible under national treatment when we're faced, for example, in the European Community with conditions in which we want to ensure there's—

Mr. FRANK. I appreciate that, but they're somewhat separate. One is what's legally defensible in whatever tribunal would have the right to decide. Let me ask: What are the reciprocal arrangements in foreign countries? How are American-owned interests treated in various foreign countries? Are there examples where we are not treated identically to locally owned activities?

Mr. ROSEN. There certainly have been such occasions. With respect specifically to registration and lobbying, I'm not aware. That's a very good question and we'll be looking for information—

Mr. FRANK. I'd appreciate your sharing that with us. I think one of the things you're going to find is a very strong sense of reciprocity. You may wind up—and I would say, because this is most relevant to Mr. Gibson, we might be arming the State Department to go to some situations where Americans have been discriminated against and saying, "Look, you're going to be faced with reciprocity." It's not inconceivable to me that we might act in a way that was reciprocal. Countries that treated us in a certain way would be treated a certain way similarly.

That would not be the motivation of the sponsors, and that's not necessarily what would happen, but that is the range of possibilities. I do think how we are treated internationally would be an important part of it.

Let me just ask you, Mr. Richard, one other question, because your testimony was really very helpful. You heard earlier today discussions in which there seemed to be a consensus that enforcement has not been very good on this. I wonder if you would address that.

Mr. RICHARD. Yes. I would take exception with the notion that there has been no enforcement. The points raised are valid; that is to say, our ability to enforce has been hampered by a variety of factors, including that a variety of the provisions are, in fact, ambiguous and subject to various interpretations. Given the fact that the sanctions, if you will, that are currently contained are purely criminal sanctions, our ability to develop criminal cases is hampered by a variety of similar type issues.

Mr. FRANK. Which is one reason why you want a civil investigative demand rather than going to the criminal—

Mr. RICHARD. Yes. At the present time our ability to investigate is based on either having sufficient basis to open an inquiry and utilize the grand jury process or relying on voluntary compliance for our inspection right, at least as far as the registrant. We think an investigative demand capability would enable us to have greater access and flexibility to investigate in the civil context. We think the imposition or the possibility of imposing fines for late filings would address some of the problems we have encountered with late filings. So, we think a lot of the proposed amendments contained in the bill, and as supplemented by our bill, would go a long—

Mr. FRANK. That's a very useful answer. Sometimes people will say, well, if you're not getting enforcement now, why? Your point is that we are making enforcement more efficient or easier to apply as well. I appreciate that.

Of course, I should note—I don't want to get anyone's hopes up—if the crime bill as it passed the Senate were to be enacted, unless

foreign agents were carrying automatic weapons, you wouldn't have any ability to pay any attention to them at all; you'd be busy with other things. So, no nongun-toting crimes would get any attention from any of your people; you wouldn't have the time to do it.

[Laughter.]

Mr. FRANK. I don't ask you to comment on that, Mr. Richard.

Mr. RICHARD. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. FRANK. I thank the panel, as far as I'm concerned.

Mr. Ramstad.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Chairman, you're not going to ask me to comment on that, either?

Mr. FRANK. No.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Chairman, I have a question, please, for Mr. Gibson. Your statement of apprehension or, rather, concern that modifying the commercial exemption could discourage foreign investment or, as you say, could serve as a disincentive, could you elaborate on that concern?

Mr. GIBSON. Yes, thank you, Mr. Ramstad. What I am saying is that the amendments would be read as an indication basically of congressional mistrust of foreign investment. There's certainly that interpretation that could be put on it. Such a reading would certainly make foreign investors think twice about investing in the United States.

Mr. RAMSTAD. So, you're talking, then, more about the perception under the proposed legislation?

Mr. GIBSON. Certainly perception is one of the problems. The added cost of doing business would be another issue.

Mr. RAMSTAD. And, another question, Mr. Gibson, do you have an estimate or a projection as to how many more people would be required to file under the amended act?

Mr. GIBSON. No, sir, I don't have an estimate.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Does any of the panel?

Mr. RICHARD. Let me say there are a variety of proposals, each of which would result probably in an incremental increase in the number of filings. There are at least three or four different proposals that would have the effect of pulling in additional people or additional categories of people or entities that would not otherwise have the current responsibility to file. Each one would generate—we can only speculate what the amounts would be at this point, but I suspect it would be an appreciable amount.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Chairman, one final question?

Mr. FRANK. Sure. Go ahead.

Mr. RAMSTAD. This one I think would be more appropriately asked of Mr. Richard, and it pertains to granting in H.R. 1725, the Glickman bill that was previously described, granting the Attorney General the civil penalty authority without providing more due process protection. Under this proposed legislation, the Attorney General could assess a penalty four times as great as a court or a judge after a criminal conviction. Certainly it would seem to me that's a major concern, or should be.

Mr. RICHARD. Well, like I say, not only for that reason, but for the administrative problems that would be envisioned, we would urge that that process be relegated to a judicial setting and not be

given to the Department of Justice to administer as an administrative fine or anything like that.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Based on due process concern?

Mr. RICHARD. Well, the due process generally, I suspect, can be addressed in terms of the methodology for administering it, but it would require, I would suggest, a very significant administrative apparatus to ensure the availability of due process protection to the individuals.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. FRANK. Would you prefer that the ALJ be able to do this or—

Mr. RICHARD. I'm sorry?

Mr. FRANK. Could an ALJ do this under your—

Mr. RICHARD. Yes, but we really don't have, I mean except in the immigration area, a heck of a lot of in-house—

Mr. FRANK. I understand that, but an ALJ, if we were to set one up—rather than get into the full panoply of the district court with all that involves, I'm wondering whether an ALJ procedure might be able to be worked out and deal with it.

Mr. RICHARD. I'm sure that, as a matter of procedure in law, one could be devised to accomplish that, but, nevertheless, given the setting, I think we would still prefer that it be done in the context of—

Mr. FRANK. Why?

Mr. RICHARD. Again, the burden, the administrative burden that would be imposed, setting up—we don't really know the volume of cases that would be generated by this. It's an area that I think we would feel more comfortable having relegated it to the district court.

Mr. FRANK. "Relegate" is a keyword here. We're talking now not just about, obviously, the administrative convenience of the Justice Department, but the efficiency of the administration of justice in the country. When you look at what the district courts have already got and may be getting, that's why I would believe that—

Mr. RICHARD. Well, I agree, and a lot of it would turn on the question of anticipated volume. If we're talking major volume, we may have no other alternative.

Mr. FRANK. I see, but you're saying if it weren't maybe that frequent, it wouldn't justify setting up the apparatus?

Mr. RICHARD. Precisely.

Mr. FRANK. So, really with more frequency, the more likely you would want to go to an ALJ?

Mr. RICHARD. Precisely.

Mr. FRANK. All right. I think that's a fair point.

I just want to note—and it's actually relevant to our earlier discussion, but when we talked about what the legitimate range of duties of lawyers is and how lawyers don't just go to court but they go to administrative agencies, they represent people in proceedings, and in informal proceedings, I thought that was a very relevant discussion. I hope everybody will remember that when we get back to defining the appropriate duties for lawyers who work for grantees of the Legal Services Corporation. It's got nothing to do with all you people, but efforts to restrict the Legal Services. I subscribe to that definition of what lawyers do, and I hope people will remem-

ber that when we start talking about what Legal Services Corporation grantee lawyers do.

I thank the panel very much.

Finally, we'll hear from Denis Neill, Thomas Susman, and Elliot Richardson. Let's sit down quickly, please, gentlemen. You can all be polite later on somebody else's time.

We have Mr. Neill and Mr. Susman. Let's begin with Mr. Neill.

**STATEMENT OF DENIS M. NEILL, PRESIDENT, NEILL & CO., INC.,
ACCOMPANIED BY HORACE JENNINGS**

Mr. NEILL. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I note that procedure requires me to be brief and I'll try to be very brief. I'd like to introduce my colleague, Mr. Horace Jennings, who is responsible for our filings at Neill & Co., under the Foreign Agents Registration Act and the lobbying regulation act.

I'd request that my statement be—

Mr. FRANK. Without objection, it will be put in the record.

Mr. NEILL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Let me tell you where I stand, Mr. Chairman, right at the start. I think there should be disclosure of any client's interest by any advocate, foreign or domestic, seeking to influence legislation, regulation, policymaking, administrative action, or a contract or procurement decision by the executive or legislative branches. I think that the recordkeeping and filing requirements ought to enable the oversight bodies to see that the disclosure requirement is carried out, but only be the minimum necessary so that these burdens will not inhibit compliance with the disclosure requirements. Finally, I think that the public exposure of filings ought to be substantially reduced because it inhibits full and honest compliance.

Mr. Chairman, I believe that the law requiring point-of-contact disclosures is good public policy. Every decisionmaker should know who is paying for the advocacy that purports to persuade him or her. However, I do not know why this policy is not extended to all lobbying activities of domestic interests as well.

In that regard, Mr. Chairman, I think that Mr. Glickman's very able recitation of the distinctions in current law, while accurate, does not justify the distinction itself. The question continues to exist as to whether or not there ought to be different treatment for foreign and domestic interests.

The original law was the national security law. The current concept of economic security perhaps is valid to require additional registration, but the greatest threat to economic security in lobbying and influence peddling has been in the savings and loan scandals. That has milked more from the United States than any foreign interest. I think that it would have behooved the Congress greatly, and I think you know this very well, to have had greater disclosures of savings and loan lobbying than to have perhaps more registrations for Toshiba or Toyota.

I think, however, everyone should know who's trying to influence everyone. The concept of a clearinghouse, I think, would go a long way to resolving these issues.

The question of what is filed at the Justice Department really should bear additional scrutiny, and perhaps substantial modifica-

tion. I would note that Joe Clarkson and his staff at the FARA unit have a Herculean task of trying to keep track of everything, and they've done a very admirable job. They are understaffed. They cannot carry out the responsibilities of keeping up with the paperwork, let alone conducting meaningful audits.

I think it would perhaps behoove us if we were to look at very carefully perhaps a two-tier registration, a clearinghouse that would be made public, and, if additional information is required such as the financial information currently required under FARA, if that's going to be required of foreign and domestic interests, perhaps that can be done in a more private filing similar to our tax returns.

If we're going to get into all of the registration of all point-of-contact disclosures, that, too, ought to be perhaps done privately. The disclosure of strategy, the disclosure of every contact is not a meaningful disclosure for the public and is often misleading about the nature of lobbying and the nature of the activity.

I would like to comment a little bit more on Mr. Glickman's point, more than his testimony itself. I think a recitation of the historical fact that the legislation trying to unify FARA didn't pass isn't really good guidance for the future. In the 10 years since Mr. Glickman very ably tried to unify the statute a lot has changed in Washington. I don't think the climate, any longer, would permit the unification of lobbying and foreign agent registration interests to oppose a single bill. I think a survey in the community would find that there would be support for some type of reform in this area. Probably the most vigorous opposition will come from the ACLU and civil liberties organizations that would find any extension of registration requirements for petitioning Congress to be inimical to their basic standards. I think that's something that ought to be looked at very carefully. I do think that any registration should be unified for foreign and domestic interests and for non-profit organizations as well as those of us who seek to make a living at this business.

Finally, I'd like to comment on the filing aspects suggested by Mr. Glickman. Mr. Glickman did note that somebody had told him that filing was far more burdensome for domestic lobbying, or was considered by some to be more burdensome for domestic lobbying than for foreign lobbying. I'd like to ask my colleague, Horace Jennings, to comment on that, as he is responsible in our firm for both.

Mr. FRANK. Go ahead, Mr. Jennings.

Mr. JENNINGS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From my experience as the FARA compliance officer and the compliance officer for the lobbying regulations, and I think my colleagues in Neill & Co. would agree, the reporting requirements for FARA are much more stringent; they have created a much more onerous burden for us on a daily basis. That's possibly attributable to our client base which is heavily foreign in some respects, but also because of the necessity to keep track of every point of contact and the time required on a daily and monthly basis, to make sure we're in—

Mr. FRANK. You're talking about client by client, because obviously overall volume wouldn't be relevant for comparative pur-

poses because that would reflect the client base? But, you're saying on a client-by-client basis that it's more onerous to do FARA?

Mr. JENNINGS. Yes, I would say so, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you. Mr. Neill.

Mr. NEILL. Mr. Chairman, that concludes my remarks, but I would like to commend to the attention of the other Members of the committee especially the concluding remarks I have recommending six specific principles I think to guide the committee, if possible, in looking at amendment of the current legislation. Thank you, sir.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Neill follows:]

Remarks by

Dennis M. Neill

President of Neill and Company, Inc.

July 24, 1991

I am delighted to be able to appear before you today to discuss the registration and reporting requirements under the Foreign Agents Registration Act ("FARA"). I understand that you will focus on the bill that was introduced by Congressman Dan Glickman to "tighten, toughen, and update the Foreign Agent's Registration Act," but that you wish also to look at the entire foreign and domestic representation picture.

Let me tell you where I stand right at the start: I think there should be disclosure of a client's interest by any advocate seeking to influence legislation, regulation, policy making, administrative action or a contract or procurement decision by the executive or legislative branches. I think that registration, filing, and record keeping requirements ought to enable the oversight bodies to see that the disclosure requirement is carried out, but only be the minimum necessary so that these burdens will not inhibit compliance with the disclosure requirements. I think that public exposure of the filings ought to be eliminated because it inhibits full and honest compliance.

While I would support many aspects of Congressman Glickman's bill, if it were the only option under consideration, I believe that a more dramatic overhaul of FARA, the Lobbying Regulation Act and the Byrd Amendment is in order. Most of the concerns addressed by Congressman Glickman's bill can be addressed in more comprehensive legislation that would simplify the entire process.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee, this testimony is primarily the product of myself and my colleagues James T. Shea, Vice President and Director of Legislative Operations at Neill and Company, and Horace Jennings, who is now primarily responsible for our FARA filings. In my ten years as President of Neill and Company, Inc., a Washington-based government relations and consulting firm, I have had wide-ranging experience with FARA and its reporting requirements. My observations about the burden FARA places on government relations consultants like myself and the members of my firm also reflect the views of the 24 professionals in our firm.

Neill and Company has changed a lot in these ten years since I first started with only one country client and a small support staff. During that time, the business has grown to the point where we represent a number of foreign governments, as well as a substantial number of corporate clients, both domestic and foreign. At Neill and Company we spent about 21,000 professional hours servicing twelve foreign clients in 1990, 19,000 hours servicing seven foreign clients in 1989, and 16,000 hours servicing five foreign clients

in 1988. I note that these totals do not include the equally large numbers of hours concurrently expended by our support staff for the professionals of Neill and Company.

Within the last two decades there has been an explosive growth in the number of inside and outside the beltway consulting and lobbying firms representing various corporate and government foreign interests. Law firms are also now aggressively branching out into lobbying, and into what has traditionally been considered pure commercial and trade consulting.

In an earlier, isolationist era, Congress enacted FARA out of what many would consider very real fears of the dangers posed by covert foreign influence on the decision-making sectors of the U.S. government and on American public opinion. They were reacting specifically to pre-World War II experiences related to activities of groups and individuals perceived as sympathetic to the Axis powers. Today, countries that we once met on the battlefield are now counted among our most trusted and valued allies in the area of foreign policy, and our most important trade partners. Many U.S. corporations have gone global, with major overseas subsidiaries and ownership interests in foreign corporations; foreign corporations have established major American subsidiaries. The way FARA currently operates also ignores the globally interdependent marketplace that requires our legislators and bureaucrats to have free access to accurate and detailed information that will aid them to protect the welfare of American citizens and consumers.

Neither FARA nor its attendant regulations have kept pace with these changes in political and business environments. Congressman Glickman's legislation attempts to provide greater guidance in the area of defining what constitutes a foreign corporation by designating a range of 20 percent to 50 percent as prima facie evidence of foreign ownership. Given the complexities of corporate ownership in the multinational business arena, it is fortunate that provision is also made for the presumption of foreign ownership to be rebutted. Another way of addressing the problem is to require all representatives (foreign and domestic) to file the same form, but simply include the percentage of foreign ownerships as an item of required data.

Unfortunately, FARA's requirements -- when contrasted with laws applying to similar domestic entities -- still reflect the legislation's original premise that foreign interests are antithetical to U.S. interests and, therefore, we must be constantly vigilant against foreign corrupt influence. We must reject this negative way of viewing foreign registrants as anachronistic and xenophobic -- a relic of that bygone era. In my opinion, the present situation runs counter to the fundamental tenet that our system of government should be open to all viewpoints and positions. I applaud, therefore, Congressman Glickman's proposal to change the name of FARA to the "Foreign Interests Representation Act" as one means to eliminate the negative connotations associated with the term foreign agent. A way to eliminate the issue is to require the same basic information of all agents -- foreign or domestic.

At the risk of over-simplification, it is my observation that the FARA legislation is designed to provide two basic "disclosures." First, a point of contact disclosure: a registrant is required to identify the foreign interest he or she represents to any official contacted, and in communications to or through the media to the general public on behalf of that interest. Second, registration followed by a periodic detailed filing at the Justice Department: a registrant must describe his/her activities and contacts in voluminous filings that are open for public inspection in the Criminal Division in the Department of Justice. In conjunction with this periodic filing, there is an internal corporate record keeping requirement that is quite burdensome.

I believe that the law requiring point of contact disclosure is good public policy. Every decision-maker should know who is paying for the advocacy that purports to persuade him or her. However, I do not know why this policy is not extended to all lobbying activities of domestic interests as well. Given the globalized nature and complex linkages of today's international business community, it is increasingly unnecessary and unfair to differentiate between our domestic corporations and foreign companies pursuing policy changes through contacts with the executive or legislative branches of Government.

How does the lobbying for Toyota U.S.A., which may benefit its parent company in Tokyo, differ from domestic lobbying performed for Ford or Chrysler? Any executive branch official or member of Congress or staff who is contacted directly on a matter of

legislation, regulation or policy has the same need and the same right to know what "interest" is paying for the contact - whether that interest is foreign or domestic. It seems to me that public pronouncements as well should bear the label of the sponsor of the pronouncement, whether foreign or domestic. This is especially true when the figure making the pronouncement is a former member or employee of Congress or a former executive branch official with prior policy responsibility over the issue that is the subject of the pronouncement.

Some would argue that public disclosure -- "labeling one's statements" -- detracts from the substance of one's message. To the very limited extent that this is true, this factor is outweighed by the decision-maker's and the public's need to know the interest sponsoring the statement. At its simplest, lobbying involves providing information to those government officials and decision-makers whose decisions can impact on a client. My colleagues and I pride ourselves on our reputation for credibility and honesty among officials we have worked with. We are comfortable disclosing our client's identity -- whether foreign or domestic -- when we pursue that client's interests. Such disclosure has never inhibited our work nor, we are confident, detracted from the substance of our message or the persuasiveness of our case.

Although you have specifically asked me to address FARA, I believe that all three laws currently regulating lobbying of the executive and legislative branches should be

unified to include a single, point of contact disclosure provision: disclosure of one's client to any federal employee if one is seeking to influence legislation, regulation, policy making, an administrative decision or a contract or procurement decision by the executive or legislative branches. This should be extended as well to any public statement by someone paid to support a point of view -- in the newspaper, on television or radio, or in any other publication -- in the same manner as FARA.

Mr. Chairman, while I have no complaint with disclosure and registration itself, I am less favorably disposed to the filing of voluminous reports on activities and contacts at the Justice Department. From my experiences with FARA's filing requirements, suffice it to say that -- given the numbers of foreign governments and corporations that Neill and Company represents -- the FARA record keeping requirements and filing burden is daunting. However, we take the obligation seriously. I believe a review of our periodic submissions would underline the diligence we apply to the task.

My colleagues at Neill and Company found it necessary to develop a specialized software program solely dedicated to keeping track of our reportable contacts with people in the legislative and executive branches. When it is time for the 6-month reports to the Justice Department FARA Unit, significant administrative time is expended preparing the

reports. The result is prodigious. For example, for the six-month period ending January 5, 1990, the report ran to approximately fifty-five pages and, I would reiterate, we have had to develop specialized software to make the preparation somewhat manageable.

Congressman Glickman's proposed reforms of FARA would include a requirement that the 6-month follow-up FARA reports would be required to be filed on January 30 and July 31 of each year, rather than at 6-month intervals based on the original date of filing. I appreciate this effort by Congressman Glickman to regularize and streamline the registration process. I am not convinced, however, that sound public policy requires these voluminous filings. Maybe some of them are needed to assure that the point of contact disclosure requirement is actually adhered to. I cannot determine what other purpose they would serve. If so, they should be the minimum necessary to assure compliance with the disclosure requirement.

While I like to give my colleagues a pat on the back for our compliance, I would like to note that Joseph Clarkson and the other employees of the Justice Department FARA Unit perform a herculean task in keeping track of the various individuals and businesses that report under FARA. I would also like to recognize before this Subcommittee their professionalism and their unfailing willingness to assist us when we have questions on FARA's reporting requirements. Although the unit is substantially understaffed, Mr. Clarkson and his staff are always accessible and amenable to

recommendations on how reporting compliance can be made more efficient. Finally, I want to recognize that the FARA Unit's conduct of audits in its oversight function is highly professional and very sensitive to the confidences between our firm and our clients.

I am against one aspect of the current law, and I highly recommend its substantial modification. That is, maintaining all FARA records open to the public. Unless it can be demonstrated that there is a real public policy basis for exposing all lobbying contacts and all related contract and financial information to the public, these records, like my company's tax returns, should be kept privately available for the Government officials entrusted to assure the compliance with the disclosure laws. This is especially true if legislation will continue to require filing financial and contract information (like our tax returns) and activity reports that disclose strategy and the tactics to implement it.

A simple two-tier filing requirement should be enacted for all registrants. First, a public filing identifying a client's identity, its beneficial ownership, the interest it is pursuing, and the time period involved. This can be updated annually and made available to the public in computer format as well as in hard copy. Second, a more extensive non-public filing may be required if deemed necessary, to include much of the same information as currently required by FARA, I hope, in summary form for activities and perhaps giving ranges for fees and expenses.

Among the more disturbing effects of the public exposure of all contacts is that -- while intended to have a chilling effect on illegal behavior -- such exposure can inhibit individuals from filing or from full compliance with the law. Further, it can inhibit others from engaging in legitimate business practices. Let me elaborate.

Since filings under FARA are a matter of public record, some lobbyists are reluctant to contact government officials and legislators -- or to file an accurate record of the contact -- for fear that the contact will be publicized by a political opponent or by someone on the other side of the issue to embarrass the official. Some officials may refuse to meet with a lobbyist for a foreign client because the contact must be disclosed; but they will meet with a lobbyist for a domestic competitor whose contact need not be exposed. When this happens, U.S. officials get only one side of the debate. Sometimes, officials decline meetings with FARA contacts for fear that they may be somehow hurt by baseless or unsubstantiated accusations.

These unintended effects of public exposure are particularly likely in the situations where there are highly contentious or divisive issues -- the very situations where lobbyists can provide needed information on opposing sides of the story. Unfortunately, individuals and groups who might have legitimate reasons to benefit from lobbying contacts might be dissuaded from seeking such assistance because of their fears that every action and document will be open to unreasonable public scrutiny and potential misrepresentation.

No one benefits when important sources of information or data are shut off because of concerns over confidentiality. Putting it even more personally, we lose business from potential foreign clients when we explain that we will be required to file a public record of all of our activities on their behalf and they know that no such requirement exists for their domestic competitors.

To a foreign entity that possibly has millions of dollars at stake on a particular issue, the very real possibility that its strategy can be readily discovered is a factor that can militate against utilizing lobbying firms or even contacting the United States Government directly on its own behalf. Contrary to the situation of a foreign corporation, domestic competitors have no such concerns or inhibitions. If we truly believe in the merits of free and fair trade -- and particularly if we wish to promote the best interest of the U.S. consumer -- I would venture that no purpose is served by preventing foreign corporations from exercising the same right as their domestic competitors to privately provide legislators and federal officials with potentially valuable information. Such discrimination on foreign entities runs contrary to our oft-stated goals of free enterprise and open debate.

These problems of exposure are exacerbated by various publications - especially those specializing in the business of selectively highlighting the exact information I described as so inhibiting to truly fair competitive business. The more salacious

information will involve the registrants for clients engaged in contentious issues. I see little public interest served by misrepresenting the nature of foreign lobbying by selectively reporting certain fees or expenses out of a complete context of the registrant's activities. This discourages full compliance.

I am not exactly certain how to interpret the so-called lawyers' exemption from FARA. While the exemption appears designed to keep confidential the records developed to pursue an administrative matter, the vagueness of many concepts involved here clouds the issue, and many lawyers use those clouds to avoid registration.

In our sister law firm, we keep strictly confidential our activities for foreign clients that do not involve attempts to influence U.S. Government decision-making. Our clients expect, and receive, full confidentiality. However, when our foreign clients seek to influence U.S. Government decision-making, or when any client hires us to pursue a legislative interest, different rules apply. In my opinion, this distinction is proper. I believe that it is the activity for the client, not the status of the advocate, that should determine whether disclosure and registration is required. There should be no lawyers' exemption if the activity otherwise requires disclosure. I fully agree with Congressman Glickman's proposal to remove the blanket lawyer's exemption except in the case of judicial proceedings or hearings before the Patent and Trademark office.

Congressman Glickman's proposed legislation would also narrow the so-called "commercial exemption." Currently, the commercial exemption under FARA seems to exempt from disclosure and record keeping some contacts made for the purpose of advocating a procurement or contract decision, "a commercial transaction," even by a Government agency. If public policy justifies the disclosure for lobbying for legislative, policy changes or regulatory matters, that same policy seems to me to justify disclosure in contacts that would influence procurement and contract decisions. I would, therefore, agree with Congressman Glickman's assertion that only direct requests from agencies, judicial proceedings or formal administrative hearings should afford an individual access to the commercial exemption.

I would also like to comment on Congressman Glickman's proposal to create a legal structure for the imposition of civil penalties as a means to address those instances where the application of criminal penalties might be inappropriate to the facts of the case. Violations of FARA are currently dealt with through the imposition of criminal penalties. Congressman Glickman's attempt at reforming FARA -- and the fact that congressional hearings are currently being held in an effort to rationalize the statute -- illuminate the difficulty that lobbyists and consultants have in ascertaining such things as when an activity is reportable or a claim of exemption is appropriate. I believe that assessing civil penalties in cases where a failure to conform is not willful or overly egregious will lessen the instances where someone has inadvertently or innocently fails to

comply but continues to violate FARA out of fear that he or she will be subject to harsh criminal penalties. This same rationale applies -- with even more force -- to the Lobbying Regulation Act, the criminal provisions of which have never been enforced.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee, registration, disclosure and record keeping serve an important function in our open system of government. I suggest, however, that the FARA legislation and its various regulations need to be reformulated in light of changing times and circumstances. The public policy behind the legislation needs to be examined and laws crafted to meet real needs. Precisely because I am not opposed to this legislation, I hope it is not presuming too much to offer six specific points to be addressed in crafting legislation that, I believe, will fairly serve the nation's interest in this area:

1. Repeal FARA, the Byrd Amendment and the Lobbying Regulation Act and replace them with a single statute.

2. Require the same point of contact disclosures for all domestic and foreign interests engaged in any activity seeking to influence legislation, regulation, policy making, an administrative action, or a contract or procurement decision by any U.S. official in the executive branch or members of Congress or staff and in communications to or through the media on behalf of a client.

3. Determine the extent to which public policy legitimately requires record keeping and reporting and then apply the minimal requirements necessary to assure compliance equally to domestic and foreign interests.

4. Make registration public, but eliminate public exposure of the detailed records filed in compliance with such legislation, maintaining detailed filings for oversight only.

5. Require the same disclosure, registration, filing and record keeping for all registrants, including lawyers, engaging in efforts to influence decisions in the U.S. Government other than the judicial branch.

6. Use civil penalties, as suggested by Congressman Glickman, as the primary enforcement tool for the combined statutes.

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Susman.

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Mr. SUSMAN. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity to be here and will also submit my statement for the record.

Mr. FRANK. Without objection, it will be made part of the record.

Mr. SUSMAN. Ropes & Gray, the firm in which I am a partner, represents a number of foreign clients, some of whom we register for, some of whom we do not because we are not required to. I also have done a good deal of work in this area as part of the preparation of a lobbying compliance manual for the American Bar Association, but I indicate that in testifying I represent neither clients of the firm nor any ABA entity.

Mr. FRANK. Good. Right.

Mr. SUSMAN. It seems to me that maintaining the integrity of government and public confidence in government is a goal that we all share, and it's the goal of all of these lobbying laws: The Foreign Agents Registration Act, the Federal Registration of Lobbying Act, and all specialized disclosure laws, like the Byrd amendment and HUD reform legislation.

It is self-evident that Government officials should know, when they are importuned by a representative of anyone, who the principal, who the party in interest, really is. I think the public as well has a right to know about the forces shaping Government decision-making, who's representing whom, how much are they being paid, and what are they up to. This goal is achieved through disclosure requirements in the various lobbying laws. These same goals also underly the Federal openness statutes like the Freedom of Information Act and the Sunshine Act.

But, like these other statutes, how much disclosure is sufficient to serve the objectives of the law and the public interest is the question that needs to be addressed, and a traditional cost-benefit analysis here doesn't help very much. We can all quantify the burdens, the costs of compliance with these various laws, but it's very difficult to come up with any notion of the benefits that they provide to the public and the Congress. This doesn't mean we should either get rid of disclosures or close our eyes to the burdens and costs of them.

So, as a general matter, let me make plain where I stand on the issues as well. Like Mr. Neill, I believe in disclosure of who is paying all lobbyists and agents to influence governmental action, whether they are of foreign origin or not. I also think that the scope and the nature of these disclosures can be moderated and modulated to fit the objectives and circumstances of the parties involved. In this regard, I believe we can and should learn more about the forces that influence governmental decisionmaking when foreign principals are involved.

The chairman asked witnesses earlier when the congressional witnesses were up, Should we treat foreigners differently; why do we treat foreigners differently? I think that it is not inappropriate to have laws that apply perhaps more stringently to the representation of foreign interests, not because foreign influence is danger-

ous or evil or unwanted, but because there may be U.S. national interests—interests of taxpayers and workers, interests in our natural resources, interests in our innovation—which may not coincide with the interests of foreign governments and foreign corporations. We don't allow foreigners to influence our elections, which of course lie at the heart of governmental decisionmaking, and we certainly can do something to uncloak foreign influences in governmental decisionmaking on a day-to-day basis.

Having said that, it does seem to me that the Foreign Agents Registration Act needs amending. It is unclear. It is too narrow in scope. It is, therefore, not readily enforced. At the same time, I think we need to be careful not to go too far. For example, allocating overhead, which is required under the lobbyist registration act, seems to me provides nothing useful for the public or the Congress. I think where lawyers are involved, including in the filing, as is required today, all fees received by a client, whether for litigation or other purposes, along with a filing of perhaps a very small amount of time and fees received for lobbying purposes, is too broad and is unfair.

I also believe that, in some cases, requiring filings of those to whom the law doesn't apply seems unnecessary. You sort of hate to go through life trying to figure out what you ought to be filing to say that a law doesn't apply to you.

So, while sunlight has its disinfectant quality, it can also cause sunburn, and the ultimate problem is that public disclosures, like sunlight, are hard to harness in a cost-effective way.

I would mention very briefly, returning to the lawyers' exemption, not to defend it, but to underline what Congressman Glickman said, that there is not a broad lawyers' exemption for things that lawyers do. Lawyers who come up and lobby are not exempt under the law—

Mr. FRANK. That's clear and stipulated to. We don't need to go into it.

Mr. SUSMAN. OK. On the other hand, lawyers are subject to other canons and rules that require disclosures of client relationships, and lawyers are protected in certain privileged relationships with clients where nonlawyers are not. So, my point is simply that in deciding to sweep away any special treatment for lawyers, the nature of legal representation and traditional lawyer-client privileges should not be lost.

Finally, to list my recommendations very briefly: First, I agree again with Mr. Neill and therefore disagree with some of the earlier witnesses who believe that we ought to look narrowly at this subject and not more broadly at all lobbying statutes. A clearinghouse is good in theory, but a clearinghouse that has useless or incomplete or erroneous data will give us the same kind of garbage in, garbage out that we have in the diverse places where these forms are filed now.

When it comes to revising individual lobbying laws, it seems to me that lines ought to be bright. That will increase compliance. That will facilitate enforcement. However, for financial disclosure purposes, the intrusiveness and burdens ought to be kept in mind and categories should be broad.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the Justice Department can do a lot more with what it has today. It does give advice formally and informally, but it refuses to share its written advice with other people, so that it does not have the same kind of advisory opinions that almost every regulatory agency has that provides a body of law for interpreting the statute outside of the confines of the agency. So, I would recommend to the Justice Department, even in the interim and in the absence of amendment of the statute, that efforts be made to provide more helpful public guidance.

I appreciate having the opportunity to testify today and will be willing to work with the subcommittee toward this very important legislative reform.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you, Mr. Susman.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Susman follows:]

**STATEMENT OF
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**HEARINGS ON THE
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee, my name is Thomas M. Susman, and I am a partner in the Washington Office of the law firm of Ropes & Gray. I appreciate having this opportunity to testify before you today on the Foreign Agents Registration Act ("FARA").

I have spent much of my time over the past decade representing clients on diverse matters before federal agencies and on legislation before the U.S. Congress. Ropes & Gray from time to time represents foreign principals and thus registers under the FARA. We also, as required, register under the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act ("Lobbying Act"). However, my testimony today reflects only my own views; it does not purport to be those of any client of our firm, nor of the firm for that matter.

For disclosure purposes I would also point out that I am chair-elect of the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice, former chair of the Section's Committee on Legislative Process and Lobbying, and editor of the Lobbying Manual, to be published this fall as an ABA guide to compliance with federal lobbying laws. I mention these affiliations solely to explain my more-than-passing interest in the FARA, but I want to stress that I am not appearing today on behalf of, or representing the views of, the ABA or any of its entities.

I have written critically on the Byrd Amendment^{*} and had the pleasure of testifying last week before Senator Levin's Oversight of Government Management Subcommittee on the subject of the Lobbying Act. These two laws and the FARA suffer many of the same kinds of shortcomings and, as I recommend below, need to be addressed in a coordinating and consolidating way.

My testimony is divided roughly into three parts. In the first I generally describe the objectives of the FARA and why these objectives are at the same time both legitimate and difficult to achieve in a reasonable way. In the second I review why I

^{*} Susman & Marsh, "Byrd Shot: Congress Takes a Broad Aim at Government Contract Lobbyists," 37 Federal B.J. 387 (1990).

think that the law -- as now written and administered -- does not do a very good job in achieving its objectives. And in the third I make a few recommendations.

The FARA and its Objectives

Despite its origin as a statute aimed at unmasking purveyors of Nazi propaganda, the FARA has evolved through amendment and interpretation to become a good-government disclosure law, directed at uncloaking certain forces that influence the policies and decisions of the legislative and executive branches. In the case of the FARA, these forces of influence are, specifically, ones of foreign origin.

The law is therefore first and foremost a disclosure law. As such, has four essential parts:

- First, disclosure, at the time of a communication with a government agency, of the relationship between the person making the communication and the foreign entity that he represents.

The disclosure required here involves providing a statement of the status of the person making the communication as an agent and the identification of his principal.

- Second, disclosure of a person's identity and status as a foreign agent and filing with the Department of Justice when the communication is more broadly disseminated (falling under the definition of "propaganda").

The material must be labeled as propaganda, the agent fully identified, and the reader must be referred to the agent's registration. (Copies filed with Justice are part of a public record.)

- Third, disclosure through registration by the agent with the Justice Department before action is taken on behalf of his principal.

The registration process is highly formalized, requiring the filing of forms containing detailed information about the registrant and principal, the agreement between the two, and what the agent has agreed to do for his principal.

- Fourth, disclosure in semi-annual filings with Justice revealing the nature of the work done and payments made and received.

These "supplemental registrations" are also required to indicate any changes from the initial registration statement, to identify any political contributions made by the agent, and to describe any propaganda disseminated during the period covered.

Mr. Chairman, as with any disclosure statute it is often easier to identify and calculate the costs and burdens of compliance than the benefits. We need not look far for analogies:

- > The Freedom of Information Act has long been criticized by almost all federal agencies for imposing heavy burdens and high costs, providing benefits that are often hard to quantify.
- > The Government in the Sunshine Act is perennially attacked for impeding collegiality in multi-member regulatory agencies, and many open meetings are not even attended by press or the public.
- > Members of Congress and higher level Executive branch officials all file financial information disclosure forms and wonder, I am sure, whether the burden of filing is counterbalanced by any increase in public confidence.
- > And, of course, the other major lobbying statutes -- the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act and the Byrd Amendment -- can hardly be held up as models exemplifying the benefits of disclosure to society.

I think it is simply a truism that sunlight may have disinfectant qualities, but also can cause sunburn. The ultimate problem is that public disclosures are, like sunlight, hard to harness for the public good in a cost-effective way.

I want to make clear that I am not deprecating the objectives of the FARA -- or of the FOIA, the Sunshine Act, ethics disclosure laws, or lobbying laws. In fact, I fully agree with and support them. I believe in the benefits of disclosure, of an aggressive free press, and of the vigorous debate that often ensues after controversial disclosures are made.

I am just trying to place the FARA in context. And in context, Mr. Chairman, the difficulties in interpreting, complying with, and enforcing the FARA become more understandable.

Problems with the FARA

Almost since its inception the FARA has been criticized -- on the one hand, as being unclear and ineffective and, on the other, as being burdensome and unnecessarily intrusive. In this case, both sides are right.

Congressional committees, the Government Accounting Office, the Congressional Research Service, academicians, public interest groups, and even the Department of Justice have found fault with the FARA over the years. Criticism basically falls into

three categories: (1) lack of clarity of the law, leading to uneven compliance; (2) overbroad exceptions and exemptions, leading to noninclusion of persons and activities that should be covered by the act; and (3) inadequate enforcement, which in large part flows from the first two.

(1) **Lack of Clarity.** The lack of clarity of the FARA works to the detriment both of those who think the law is being flouted by thousands of unregistered foreign agents, and also of those who do not now register but would do so if they thought the law more clearly required it. One of the most prominent areas of controversy involves the so-called "lawyers exemption," which exempts from FARA coverage lawyers engaged "in the legal representation of a disclosed foreign principal before any court of law or any agency of the Government." But this exemption does not include

attempts to influence or persuade agency personnel or officials other than in the course of established agency proceedings, whether formal or informal.

The Department of Justice has, in its regulations implementing the FARA, further confined this exception to the lawyers exemption as covering only attempts to influence "with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States" Coupled with a separate exemption for commercial activities, this loophole is obviously large enough for an army lawyer to pass through.

But they do not ordinarily do so with any intent to evade the law. What does "legal representation" mean? What is an informal agency proceeding? Is Congress an "agency of the government" for these purposes? What is a congressional "proceeding," for that matter? Where does commerce end and policy begin? How do lawyer-client privileges affect filing requirements?

I will not try to answer these questions, but I use them to illustrate some of the reasons that the FARA is unclear in ways that are readily apparent to those who want to be informed by public disclosures, as well as to those who make reasonable assessments that the law does not apply to themselves.

(2) **Underinclusiveness.** Obviously the overbreadth of exemptions and the narrowness of coverage under the accepted definition of "foreign principal" lead to the act's missing a large number of persons who seek to influence government in ways that benefits foreign interests. The most obvious example of those not covered by the FARA are persons representing U.S. subsidiaries of foreign corporations.

The "commercial exemption" has also been identified as a source of underinclusion of persons who are thought to be representing foreign interests in a way that ought to be disclosed under the FARA, but who are not now covered.

Congressman Glickman's bill has as two of its main goals the expansion of the FARA's coverage to include agents working for entities that are foreign controlled, and effective elimination of the commercial exemption.

(3) **Inadequate Enforcement.** Finally, in large part because of the difficulty in interpreting the FARA and in applying its exemptions, it is not surprising that there has been a claim of inadequate enforcement through the years. In fact, the Department of Justice has been straightforward in stating that its enforcement philosophy is ordinarily to force disclosure by those who should be registering under the FARA, rather than to prosecute persons who fail to file.

Plainly, providing the Department with additional powers and instituting an array of civil penalties can go a long way toward improving enforcement of the statute. (So could increased staffing, but I am not sure I would place FARA very high on the list of federal criminal statutes in need of enhanced resources.) The first step toward improving enforcement of the law, however, should be clarifying the law. And while Justice can help here, this responsibility ultimately lies with Congress.

Recommendations

There have been a number of recommendations made through the years by almost everyone who has looked closely at the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The two bills under consideration today both contain some excellent proposals. I will not go through the list of suggestions and proposed amendments here, but will offer a few more general thoughts that I think should guide congressional action in this area.

First, Congress should put an end to the hodgepodge of laws designed, without regard to each other, to require disclosures of persons who seek to influence government. Duplication and inconsistency plague the FARA, the Lobbying Act, and the Byrd Amendment. And that is not even to mention special laws governing lobbying of HUD (42 U.S.C. § 3537(b)), lobbying by beneficiaries of maritime programs (46 U.S.C. § 1225), or lobbying by public utility holding companies (15 U.S.C. § 79(i)).

Only inertia and the dispersal of committee jurisdiction over these various statutes stand in the way of uniformity and simplification. No more tinkering please; it is time to put the lobbying laws together into one consolidated and coordinated whole.

Second, Congress should keep in mind two principles when drafting or amending lobbying laws:

- *When it comes to defining coverage, lines should be bright.* If Congress does not want to undertake to draw every line, then empower the agency administering the law to do so through notice-and-comment rulemaking.

When it comes to public financial disclosures, categories should be broad. It cannot be useful to anyone to know that a particular agent has received \$8,695.14 and disbursed \$926.97 during a half-year period. Broader categories will make reporting more, not less, meaningful.

Third, the Department of Justice should recognize that it performs more than enforcement functions under the FARA and thus should not be so shy about giving public, even if not binding, guidance about how it intends to enforce the statute. The Antitrust Division of the Department does not even have the regulatory-type functions of the Registration Unit of the Criminal Division, and yet the Antitrust Division --

- > issues guidelines (the most notable being the Merger Guidelines) to provide detailed explanations about how the Division interprets the law it enforces;
- > provides public advisory opinions (business review letters) indicating what the Division's enforcement posture will be on a set of facts provided to it; and
- > through speeches and testimony by policy-makers, spells out its attitudes and analyses regarding the laws it enforces.

While the Registration Unit does provide written advice today, it resists making its letters public. If the problem is sensitivity, or an expectation of confidentiality on the part of those seeking advice, the format of its correspondence can be changed to avoid disclosure of identities while still providing useful guidance (as the IRS has done for years). Legislation is not necessary for this important, though modest, step toward making compliance with the FARA more uniform and predictable.

Conclusion

The Foreign Agents Registration Act is broken and needs fixing. But Congress should take care that it does not follow the lead of the Tax "Simplification" Act a few years ago and exchange chaos for confusion in the name of simplification.

The public and Congress and Executive officials have a right to know who is being paid to influence government decisionmaking, for whom these persons are working, and roughly how much is being paid to these lobbyists and consultants, lawyers and agents. And it should not matter whether the client is domestic or foreign (though there may be a heightened curiosity, if not public interest, regarding foreign interests engaged in influencing U.S. policies).

Beyond that, such things as the substance of the relationship between the lobbyist or agent and his client, the substance of the communication between the lobbyist or agent and the Member, staff, or agency official, and the details of monies paid and

received should not be subject to public disclosure. They are ordinarily not the public's business and, even on those occasions where they might be, individual and societal interests are more likely better to be served by confidentiality than by disclosure.

This Subcommittee should expand its inquiry to include other lobbying statutes before it begins to legislate. And I suggest that any changes in the law be both clear and modest, so that the narrowness and lack of clarity in the present law do not give way simply to broader confusion and complexity.

I appreciate having the opportunity to testify today. I look forward to working with the Subcommittee toward resolution of these very important problems through meaningful legislative reform.

Mr. FRANK. Let me say, gentlemen, there's one particular point, Mr. Neill, that you mentioned which I want to explore. I invite you to submit anything further, not just in this area but in others. That is that we ought to be talking about two levels of disclosure: A level that's fairly open to the public and a secondary level, probably not as protected as IRS material, but where you would have some kind of a show-cause requirement before you could get at it.

I think that there is a problem. We have, I think, gotten into a counterproductive stage. Too much of people's private lives that is not relevant to judging what kind of a job they're doing is made available, I think, in terms of some of the disclosure. I'm inclined to believe, and I've talked to some of the administration people about this when they were recruiting for the Bush administration, that more than anything else, that's a deterrent to public service, that the disclosure forms have some negative effect on some people.

I do plan to make it the business of this subcommittee to look into how we might do a two-level situation, so that there's a general public level and, where there is some reason to go deeper, we can go deeper, not just in this case, but in other cases. I appreciate that. There's going to be an element of people who like to know other people's business, so they read about it, and there's a nonpublic purpose.

I must say in that regard I want to encourage the press to go further. It has been my experience that no matter how rigid an ethics restriction has been, in most cases the press has been all in favor of it. The press has not been sympathetic to relaxing any ethics restriction except the one that interfered with their ability to interview their sources over lunch.

I read an interesting article recently about the press welcoming that relaxation, and I welcome the press' welcoming. I just would urge my friends in the press to extend their more pragmatic scrutiny of ethics restrictions to those that don't directly affect their ability to get information from sources.

There were some very interesting comments. I think the rule in question was too rigid. There's no question that the executive branch had overreacted in saying nobody could ever buy anybody any lunch. My only point, though, is that there are rules of similar rigidity that, when some people have tried to get them relaxed, the press has been too willing to say, oh, they're opening up big loopholes. I think being more realistic as to what disclosure needs to be public and what needs to be on file is an example.

Mr. NEILL. I would fully commend that position to you. I think that it's a good one.

With respect to contacts, both with the press and with Members of Congress, I have had discussions with respect to our filings under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. I've discussed that in some detail. Many Members of Congress feel that it's not necessary to have a public filing of my conversations with them with respect to a client.

Mr. FRANK. I would say that, for some of my colleagues, saying that we thought it was not necessary to say that we had been talking to you understates the enthusiasm of the feeling.

[Laughter.]

Mr. NEILL. We have a similar requirement, Mr. Chairman, with respect to our contacts with the press. I would say they feel exactly the same way with respect to contacts where we attempt to lobby them on a position. Where they're seeking information from us it's quite a different story, but when we have to file that we had lunch with an editor of a newspaper or a reporter seeking to talk about a topic of great controversy, they find it very difficult when I explain to them that we're going to have to report that in a public filing.

Mr. FRANK. That would be a good way to keep out of the paper. You take somebody to an expensive lunch, file that, and then they'd feel intimidated against writing about it. I'll have to try that.

[Laughter.]

Mr. NEILL. I'll try that.

[Laughter.]

Mr. FRANK. I thank you. That is an area that we want to pursue, and I thank you for your testimony.

We will now hear from Mr. Richardson. He has joined us. Mr. Richardson, would you come forward, please?

STATEMENT OF ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON, CHAIRMAN, ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT, ACCOMPANIED BY NANCY McLERNON, DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, AND BRAD LARSHAN, GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. RICHARDSON. Good morning, Mr. Chairman. As you have said, my name is Richardson; first name, Elliot. I am very pleased to have the privilege of appearing before this subcommittee this morning on behalf of the Association for International Investment, of which I am the chairman. I'm not a lobbyist for any foreign company, and I'm not registered for any purpose under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

I'm accompanied here this morning by AFII's, as we call it, director of legislative affairs, Nancy McLernon, and our general counsel, Brad Larschan, who are sitting behind me. If you have any questions that I can't answer, I hope I may be free to call on them.

Mr. FRANK. Certainly.

Mr. RICHARDSON. I have quite a long prepared statement, Mr. Chairman, and, with your permission, I would like to have it inserted in the record.

Mr. FRANK. If there is no objection, we'll make it part of the record.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Having said that, I would like to apologize for not having been here throughout the earlier part of the hearing. I had an earlier commitment to testify before a subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee on the global environment—

Mr. FRANK. We don't need to go into that, Mr. Richardson. Why don't you just get to what you can testify to here?

Mr. RICHARDSON. Well, I only wanted to say that because I'm in less of a good position to know exactly what you would like me to focus on than I would have been. So, let me just say very, very briefly that the essence of our position is that what is being proposed in legislation before the subcommittee would, we think, go

beyond any clearly defined public purpose that we have heard mentioned in the context of these proposals.

Most of the members of our association are American companies. They have American employees with few exceptions. They are integral parts of the U.S. economy. The one thing that distinguishes them from other American companies is that they have a majority of shareholders who are not American, but it has never been believed up until now that this called for any differential treatment of their officers and representatives than has been true of other American companies.

What this bill says, in effect, is that they would have to register the way "foreign agents" register now. We fail to see any justification for that kind of discriminatory treatment. In any case, it derogates sharply from the policy of the United States to accord national treatment to companies with domiciles in other countries, as we consistently pursue the goal of national treatment by other countries.

It would require, we think, a showing of a kind that we are totally unaware of to justify such a sharp departure from that established policy. If there is evidence of some kind of abuse on the part of representatives of foreign companies, perhaps then that calls for some specific kind of response, but a response which says, in effect, that anybody, a director or an officer of a foreign-owned company who makes a speech on trade policy, thereby automatically falls within the registration requirement of FARA, seems to us excessive and unnecessary.

There are some 700-and-some, 775 persons registered under FARA, according to the Justice Department. Our estimate is that if H.R. 1725 were to be adopted, more than 16,000 persons would be required to register. I think basically the question is, Why? We think that, as in the case of other legislation, particularly given the volume of legislation now burdening the bureaucracy, the burden of proof is on the proponent.

That, I hope, Mr. Chairman, is enough by way of an introductory statement. I'd be glad to respond to any questions you may have.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you, Mr. Richardson. I appreciate your summarizing that. I have had a chance to read your statement, which is quite complete.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Richardson follows:]

STATEMENT
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 COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
 UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 July 24, 1991

Good morning, Mr. Chairman. My name is Elliot Richardson. I am here this morning on behalf of the Association for International Investment ("AFII"), of which I am Chairman. I am not a lobbyist for any foreign company and I am not registered for any purpose under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 ("FARA").¹

AFII was founded in early 1988 to represent a partnership of U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies, American-based multinationals, state governments, and American Chambers of Commerce abroad. We support the longstanding U.S. international investment policy, which encourages the free flow of capital in response to market forces.

AFII does not represent individual members -- corporate, state, or chamber -- before the Congress or the Administration on matters that affect their particular business interests. Rather, we seek to address public policy issues that concern everybody with an interest in the freedom of international investment. I am pleased to have the opportunity to appear before this Subcommittee today to address one of these issues of public policy -- whether FARA should be amended to encompass international economic competition.

I. THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT

A. The Application of FARA

FARA applies to any person acting as an agent on behalf of a foreign principal (i.e., a "foreign agent").² Although certain commercial activities are exempted, political activities of foreign agents fall directly within FARA's scope.³

¹ The Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, Pub. L. No. 775-583, 52 Stat. 631 (codified as amended at 22 U.S.C. 611 (1988)).

² 22 U.S.C. 612(a).

³ 22 U.S.C. 613.

FARA defines the term "foreign principal" as a foreign government or political party, a person outside the United States, or an entity that is organized under the laws of a foreign country or has its principal place of business abroad.⁴ FARA broadly defines the terms "foreign government" and "foreign political party." For example, the term foreign government includes de facto and de jure governments, plus any insurgents claiming authority.⁵

An "agent of a foreign principal" is defined as a person who is supervised, controlled, financed, or subsidized by a foreign person and (1) engages in political activities in the United States; (2) acts as a public relations counsel or political consultant in the United States; (3) solicits or distributes contributions, money, or other things of value within the United States; or (4) represents the interests of the foreign principal before any agency or official of the United States government.⁶

Under FARA's current definition of "foreign principal," persons and entities who work for or on behalf of foreign-owned U.S.-incorporated businesses are not generally considered "agents of foreign principals."⁷

B. Exemptions from FARA

FARA does not apply to all activities by U.S. agents on behalf of foreign principals. There are two main exemptions, the first of which is the so-called "attorneys exemption," which exempts lawyers who represent foreign interests in purely commercial matters.⁸

In addition, foreign-owned or controlled U.S. companies are not generally required to register under the two distinct, although similar, "commercial exemptions." The first, the "commercial" variant of the commercial exemption, provides that FARA does not apply to persons who engage only "in private and nonpolitical activities in furtherance of the bona fide trade or commerce of such foreign principal."⁹

The second, the "political" variant of the commercial exemption, provides that FARA does not apply to foreign agents who engage only "in other activities not serving predominantly a foreign interest" even though they may be political in nature --

⁴ 22 U.S.C. 611(a).

⁵ 22 U.S.C. 611(e).

⁶ 22 U.S.C. 611(c).

⁷ 22 U.S.C. 611(b).

⁸ 22 U.S.C. 613(g).

⁹ 22 U.S.C. 613(d)(1) (emphasis added).

so long as such activity is in furtherance of some domestic commercial endeavor.¹⁰

Under these two exemptions, a domestic business' (1) commercial and (2) political activities are not considered to "serve predominantly a foreign interest" merely because these activities would also benefit the interests of the foreign entity that owns or controls (or is owned by or controlled by) the domestic business. It is clear that both the "commercial" and "political" commercial exemptions apply as long as (1) the foreign party and subject activities are not directly or indirectly supervised or subsidized by a foreign government or political party; (2) the identity of the foreign party is disclosed to any U.S. agency or official with whom such activities are conducted; and (3) the activities are in furtherance of the bona fide commercial interests of the domestic party.¹¹ Admittedly, it is not always clear where one draws the line with these exemptions.

II. H.R. 1725 WOULD BROADEN FARA'S SCOPE

H.R. 1725, introduced by Rep. Dan Glickman, would amend FARA in four ways, by:

- broadening FARA's scope to define a foreign-owned U.S. company as a "foreign principal";
- narrowing substantially current law exemptions for commercial activity;
- renaming "foreign agents" as "representatives of foreign principals," and incorporating many employees and consultants of American-owned U.S. companies in this category; and
- requiring those relying on an exemption to notify the Justice Department.

H.R. 1725 would broaden FARA's definition to provide that a "foreign principal" would be considered to control a person/entity "in major part" if the foreign principal holds more than 50 percent equitable ownership in the person/entity or, subject to rebuttable evidence, if the foreign principal holds at least 20 percent but not more than 50 percent equitable ownership. H.R. 1725 would change the criterion to ascertain a foreign principal from a place of incorporation test to a test based on equity ownership. As a result, any person acting as an agent, representative, or employee at the "order, request, or under the direction or control" of an entity with 20 percent or more foreign ownership likely would be subject to FARA's registration and reporting requirements.

H.R. 1725 would narrowly circumscribe the current "commercial commercial" and "commercial political" exemptions.

¹⁰ 22 U.S.C. 613(d)(2).

¹¹ 22 U.S.C. 611(g).

Permissible governmental contact would be limited to responding to direct requests by a U.S. government agency or official or in the context of a formal judicial or administrative proceeding.

The Glickman bill would eliminate the term "agent of a foreign principal" and create a new category, "representatives of foreign principals," who would be required to register with the Justice Department. This category would also include persons not controlled by a foreign principal but "who engage[] in political activities for purposes of furthering commercial, industrial, or financial operations with a foreign principal." This would sweep within FARA's ambit a wide range of lobbying activities by individuals and corporations who seek to benefit their business interests and who incidentally benefit those of a foreign entity as well.

Finally, the Glickman bill would require all parties relying on this narrow exemption to so notify the Justice Department.¹² This provision would appear to require registration and disclosure of a "commercial" commercial exemption, even though no political activity is involved. Hence, it constitutes a foreign direct investment registration requirement.

III. AFII OPPOSES H.R. 1725 BECAUSE IT EXTENDS FARA TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COMPETITION, DISCRIMINATES AGAINST FOREIGN-OWNED U.S. COMPANIES BY ADDING BURDENSOME NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND VIOLATES "NATIONAL TREATMENT" OBLIGATIONS

A. H.R. 1725 Would Convert FARA from a National Security Safeguard into a Foreign Investment Registration and Reporting System Unrelated to National Security

In introducing H.R. 1725, Rep. Glickman noted "the need for the United States to aggressively promote its own economic interests through public policy."¹³ H.R. 1725 seeks to promote America's economic interests by equating international economic competition with national security and attempting to expand FARA to meet this new task.

FARA was enacted because of Congress' concern that fascist and communist governments would attempt to subvert the U.S. government through the use of propaganda.¹⁴ FARA has also been

¹² The Glickman bill would also narrow the so-called attorney exemption. In addition, the bill proposes to replace some of FARA's terminology with less value-laden language; for example, FARA would be renamed the "Foreign Interests Representative Act," and the term "political propaganda" would be dropped in favor of "promotional or informational materials."

¹³ Statement of Rep. Dan Glickman at 2 (Apr. 11, 1991).

¹⁴ See, e.g., Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Oversight of Government Management of the Senate Comm. on Governmental Affairs, 102d Cong., 1st Sess. (June 20, 1991) (prepared statement of Mark Richard, Dep. Asst. Attorney Gen'l).

used to address espionage and other national security-related activities conducted on behalf of foreign governments in the United States. As such, FARA has served as an instrument to safeguard America's national security.

H.R. 1725 represents a radical departure from FARA's national security orientation. No national security purpose is served by requiring employees, consultants, and others working on behalf of foreign-owned U.S. corporations to register as foreign agents.

Foreign direct investment in America takes place because foreign companies want to share in the benefits of what is still the most open, dynamic, and exciting economy in the world. And, once having invested in this country, the foreign-owned U.S. company is subject to U.S. law and is under constant scrutiny by the American public and press.

The implication of H.R. 1725 is that foreign-owned U.S. companies are prepared to behave in ways that may be inconsistent with the interests of the United States. This is a very serious charge, but I believe it is baseless. I believe that the American executives who run these subsidiaries and their American employees are no different from their counterparts in American-owned U.S. companies.

B. H.R. 1725 Would Not Give Policymakers an Understanding of Who Is Influencing the Political Process

Rep. Glickman has stated that another purpose of H.R. 1725 is "simply to shed sunshine on lobbying by foreign interests so legislators, administrators and the American public are aware of who is working to influence public policy, and who is paying for it."¹⁵ AFII agrees that Congress and the Executive branch should know who is attempting to shape policy decisions. However, we believe H.R. 1725 would fall far short of accomplishing this goal.

The public interest is not well served by imposing added disclosure requirements only on foreign-owned U.S. companies -- which, after all, account for less than 5 percent of all U.S. corporate activity. If policymakers wish to learn who is influencing decisions, and how much money they spend doing it, this information should be collected from all groups -- American and foreign-owned corporations, labor unions, trade associations, and so forth. The simplest and most appropriate way to collect this information is through the Lobbying Act, which was created to serve this very purpose. By broadening FARA to do in small part what the Lobbying Act was designed to do may, at best, give policymakers incomplete information. Not only will the government then have available information on those attempting to influence public policy, but we will have avoided the discriminatory effects of H.R. 1725.

¹⁵ See Statement of Rep. Dan Glickman, supra note 13, at 1.

C. H.R. 1725 Would Discriminate Against Foreign-Owned U.S. Companies and Violate the U.S.' Obligation to Accord "National Treatment"

H.R. 1725 seeks to place foreign-owned U.S. companies in a disadvantaged position vis a vis similarly-situated American-owned U.S. companies. Such unequal treatment would conflict with the U.S.' obligation to accord foreign-owned U.S. companies national treatment.

The Supreme Court of the United States has held that "national treatment of [foreign-owned U.S.] corporations means equal treatment with domestic corporations."¹⁶ This obligation arises under treaties of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation ("FCN Treaty"),¹⁷ Bilateral Investment Treaties,¹⁸ and the OECD National Treatment Instrument and Code of Liberalisation of Capital Movements. For example, Article VII, paragraph 1, of the FCN Treaty between the United States of America and the Kingdom of The Netherlands requires the United States to accord Dutch-owned U.S. companies treatment no less favorable than similarly-situated American-owned U.S. companies.¹⁹ In addition, Article XXIII, paragraph 3, of the FCN Treaty provides that Dutch-owned companies incorporated in the United States are deemed to be companies of the United States, rather than of The Netherlands.²⁰ They therefore "are entitled to the rights and subject to the responsibilities of other domestic corporations"²¹ -- in other words, they are entitled to national treatment -- because they are, in fact, domestic corporations. The same is true, for example, for companies a majority of whose shareholders are German,²² Greek,²³ Irish,²⁴

¹⁶ Sumitomo Shoji American, Inc. v. Avagliano, 457 U.S. 176, 188 n. 18 (1982).

¹⁷ This obligation arises under the 16 FCN treaties entered into since 1946.

¹⁸ The BIT program, initiated by the United States in 1981, was designed to encourage international investment. To date, the United States has signed 13 BITs, six of which have entered into force.

¹⁹ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Dec. 5, 1957, United States-The Netherlands, 8 U.S.T. 2043, T.I.A.S. No. 3942.

²⁰ Id.

²¹ Sumitomo, 457 U.S. at 188.

²² Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, July 14, 1956, United States-FRG, art. VII, para. 1, 7 U.S.T. 1839, T.I.A.S. No. 3593.

²³ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Oct. 13, 1954, United States-Greece, art. XIII, para. 2, 5 U.S.T. 1829, T.I.A.S. No. 3057.

Israeli,²⁵ and Japanese.²⁶ By discriminating against foreign-owned U.S. companies, the U.S. would derogate from its international obligation.

IV. IMPACT OF FARA'S AMENDMENTS ON U.S. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

The proposed amendments to FARA would have significant implications for foreign-owned U.S. companies, as well as their officers and employees. Registration under FARA does not place any legal proscription on the activities in which a foreign agent may engage or the materials the agent may disseminate. In practice, however, the stigma of registration under FARA, the taint of labeling materials disseminated with the requisite FARA statement, and the complicated filing procedures may discourage many activities. Consequently, expanding the scope of those required to register and file under FARA could have a significant impact on even the most innocuous business activities.

Consider, for example, the impact on Acme Widget Company of America, a foreign-owned or controlled U.S. company.²⁷ To begin, Acme Widget Company probably would have to file a detailed registration statement with the Attorney General, and would have to file biannual supplements thereafter, unless Acme could meet the requirements of one of the commercial exemptions. (Under the Glickman bill, even if Acme was relying on an exemption to FARA registration, Acme would nevertheless have to notify the Attorney General and might be subject to burdensome regulations, even if it engaged in no political activity). In addition, all Acme Widget employees, consultants, and other agents who engage in political, public relations, informational, financial, or lobbying activities would be required to file a FARA registration statement.

Consequently, an Acme officer or employee delivering a speech at the local Rotary Club in support of trade legislation

²⁴ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Sept. 14, 1950, United States-Ireland, art. VI, para. 2, 1 U.S.T. 785, T.I.A.S. No. 2155.

²⁵ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Apr. 3, 1954, United States-Israel, art. VII, para. 1, 5 U.S.T. 550, T.I.A.S. No. 2948.

²⁶ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Oct. 30, 1953, United States-Japan, 4 U.S.T. 2063, T.I.A.S. No. 2863.

²⁷ It should be observed that it is often impossible to know on a given day whether publicly held companies are, in fact, "American" or "foreign"-owned. Given the rapidity with which institutional investors move into and out of equity positions, no widely held company could ever hope to determine with certainty the nationality of its shareholders on a daily basis. Indeed, even a relatively minor investment by one or more passive foreign investors (e.g., a foreign-based bank, life insurance company, or pension fund) could determine whether a company, such as Acme Widget, is foreign-owned or controlled.

who made available copies of the speech to the audience or the press would have to label the speech with an identifying statement, including a statement that he or she is registered with the Department of Justice as a foreign agent or representative. The Acme speaker would also have to file, within 48 hours of its delivery, two copies of the speech with the Attorney General, along with a statement setting forth information regarding the place, time, and extent to which the speech was transmitted. On a practical level, an Acme employee might be reluctant to make any speech arguably involving international issues because of the potential FARA "taint."

Under the Glickman bill (H.R. 1725) -- even if Acme had no foreign ownership whatsoever, but simply engaged in overseas business -- the Acme speaker would have to register under the statute as a "representative of a foreign principal," label the trade policy speech accordingly, and file copies with the Department of Justice. Indeed, Rep. Glickman explained in introducing H.R. 1725 that this legislation would extend coverage to a whole new category of American-owned U.S. corporations whose lobbying activities would further the interests of foreign entities as well as their own.²⁸ He stated that:

American corporations who, for example, seek action to end sanctions against a foreign country or company or ask the government to refrain from enforcing the trade laws have the same effect as if the foreign entity did the lobbying directly and should be required to register.²⁹

This provision would make American-owned U.S. companies submit to onerous FARA requirements for simply engaging in business activities with foreign entities. Moreover, these businesses could have to file under FARA for merely engaging in public relations activities or lobbying the U.S. government to promote their international trade operations.

V. IMPACT OF FARA AMENDMENTS ON OTHER STATUTORY SCHEMES

In addition to expanding the coverage of FARA itself, the proposed amendments to FARA's definitions would affect a variety of other statutory schemes that expressly incorporate FARA's definition of "agent of a foreign principal." For instance, several statutes prohibit persons who act as "agents of a foreign principal" as defined under FARA from serving as Members of Congress, government employees, and members of quasi-governmental commissions. By broadening the scope of persons required to register under FARA, the proposed amendments could, for example, create conflicts for public officials affiliated with U.S. corporations that have more than 20 percent foreign ownership. In addition, other statutory schemes that reference FARA provisions and definitions may also be indirectly

²⁸ See, *supra*, the discussion at Section I.A.

²⁹ Statement of Rep. Dan Glickman, *supra* note 13, at 2.

affected. Most notably, H.R. 1725 would have the effect of prohibiting foreign-owned U.S. corporate PACs.

A. Statutes That Expressly Incorporate FARA's Definition of "Agent of a Foreign Principal"

1. 18 U.S.C.A. § 219(a) (Supp. 1991): This criminal statute provides that "public officials," including Members of Congress and federal and D.C. government employees, shall not act "as an agent of a foreign principal required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended." This prohibition would presumably extend to serving as an officer, director, or trustee of a corporation, partnership or other legal entity with 20 percent or more foreign equity ownership.

2. 15 U.S.C.A. §§ 4804(e), 4809(4) (Supp. 1991): This statutory scheme establishes a twelve member Competitiveness Policy Council for the purpose of developing recommendations and long-range strategies for promoting the international competitiveness of U.S. industries. The law provides that "[a] member of the Council shall not serve as an agent for a foreign principal." 15 U.S.C.A. § 4804(e) (Supp. 1991) (conflict of interest). For purposes of the law, "the term 'agent of a foreign principal' is defined as such term is defined under section 611(d) [sic] of Title 22 subject to the provisions of section 613 of Title 22." *Id.* § 4809(4) (the statute probably means to refer to 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)).

3. 22 U.S.C.A. § 4002 (Supp. 1991): This statute establishes selection boards to evaluate the performance of members of the Senior Foreign Service and members of the Service assigned to a salary class in the Foreign Service Schedule. A 1990 amendment provides that "[n]o public members appointed to this section may be, at the time of their appointment or during their appointment, an agent of a foreign principal (as defined by section 611(b) of this title)" Although this statute refers to 22 U.S.C. § 611(b), which defines foreign principal, an amendment to section 611(c) defining agent of a foreign principal could arguably be relied upon in interpreting this statute.

4. 48 U.S.C.A. § 1681 (1987) (Historical and Statutory Notes): This statute provides for the continuance of civil government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The Historical Notes reprint, among other things, the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985. Section 105(f)(1) of the Act states that for purposes of FARA provisions that apply to an "agent of a foreign principal" the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands shall be considered to be foreign countries.

B. Other Statutes Affected

FARA definitions other than "agent of a foreign principal" are referenced in other statutory schemes. For example, the Federal Election Campaign Act, which prohibits contributions by foreign nationals, references the definition of "foreign principal" as defined in FARA. 2 U.S.C.A. § 441e (1985)

(disclosure of campaign funds). In addition, 18 U.S.C. § 207(f) (Supp. 1991), which sets forth restrictions on former officers, employees, and elected officials of the executive and legislative branches, incorporates FARA's definition of "foreign entity" in restricting certain representation, aid, or advice to foreign entities.

Moreover, 22 U.S.C.A. § 5101 (1990) requires the U.S. Attorney General to prepare a report to Congress on actual and alleged violations of FARA and the status of any investigation pertaining thereto by representatives of governments or opposition movements in subSaharan Africa (including members of the African National Congress).

Finally, 50 U.S.C.A. 50 App. § 34(a) (1990), the section of the Trading with the Enemy Act that sets forth defenses to payment of debts by the Alien Property Custodian, provides that no debt claim shall be allowed if at the time of vesting or transfer to the Alien Property Custodian the debt was due and owing to any person who has since the beginning of the war been convicted of a violation of "the Act of June 8, 1934," as amended. (The statutory notes to this section clarify that this reference probably means the Act of June 8, 1938, i.e., FARA.) Consequently, broadening the definition of "agents of foreign principals" and, in turn, potential liability under FARA, could impact these statutes as well.

VI. CONCLUSION

Perhaps the fundamental question in the debate on the foreign investment "issue" -- and I count our discussion today a part of this debate -- is by what measure do we distinguish (and of what relevance is such a distinction) between American and foreign-owned U.S. companies?

For most purposes, corporations established under the laws of a state of the United States are considered U.S. companies, whether American or foreign-owned, although exceptions exist in areas fundamentally related to the sovereignty of the nation, such as national security and the electoral process. "National treatment" has been a cornerstone of U.S. international economic policy since the end of the Second World War and is a principle the United States has negotiated for abroad.

Simply stated, the nationality of the owner of the shares of a company is increasingly irrelevant. What difference does it make if a U.S. company is American or foreign-owned? Does the nationality of the ownership of the shares of a U.S. company, for example, automatically affect American competitiveness? After all, shares of many multinational corporations are traded on exchanges around the world. What importance should we attach to foreign-owned companies' employment, sales, research and development conducted in the U.S., and so on? Questions such as these are raised by the internationalization of industries and the globalization of markets, which has profoundly transformed business. Prof. Robert Reich has noted that "the competitiveness of American-

owned corporations is not the same as American competitiveness.³⁰ Corporations base their business decisions not on the national interest but on the best interests of the corporation.

By defining a foreign principal in terms of ownership of equity shares, H.R. 1725 perpetuates the myth that share ownership is somehow relevant. It is, in fact, largely irrelevant. The fact is that foreign-owned U.S. companies are generally indistinguishable from their American-owned counterparts. H.R. 1725 also assumes that foreign-owned U.S. companies will behave differently than American-owned U.S. companies. AFII is unaware of any evidence to support that conclusion. What H.R. 1725 will do is to disadvantage foreign-owned U.S. companies -- and some American-owned U.S. companies involved in international trade -- to the benefit of their competitors. For these reasons, AFII opposes H.R. 1725.

I would like to close by thanking the Subcommittee for inviting my testimony. I welcome any questions you may have.

³⁰ Reich, "Who Is Us?," *Harv. Bus. Rev.* 53, 54 (Jan.-Feb. 1990).

Mr. FRANK. I would just ask you, now or maybe even in the future, one very relevant point, particularly given your own grounding in international law. One of the points that the State Department raised, which you also raised on page 10 of your statement, has to do with the treaty obligations we have to accord national treatment. The State Department, as you can imagine, was a little reluctant to argue that this would be a treaty violation since they might find themselves defending against the accusation that it was a treaty violation later on.

If you could in writing elaborate on that, I would find that very useful; that is, would it be a violation of the specific treaties that we've got, the bilateral treaties with others, if we were to do this? I think that would be particularly helpful to us.

Mr. RICHARDSON. I would be glad to do that, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to emphasize the point that, whether it is or not, we're dealing with an issue of policy.

[The information follows:]



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MR. RICHARDSON'S RESPONSE TO THE CHAIRMAN

- Q:** Please provide a detailed written analysis of how H.R. 1725 would violate U.S. international legal obligations to accord 'national treatment' to foreign-owned U.S. companies.
- A:** The U.S. has entered into a series of international agreements to accord foreign-owned U.S. companies 'national treatment,' by which we mean treatment no less favorable than that accorded similarly-situated American-owned U.S. companies. Under U.S. law and policy, foreign-owned companies are entitled to national treatment unless a specific exemption applies. There are two relevant exceptions to the U.S.' obligation to accord national treatment: (1) for activities involving "essential security interests" and (2) for "political activities." Since H.R. 1725 would impose burdensome reporting and disclosure requirements on foreign-owned U.S. companies, it raises national treatment concerns unless one of the two exceptions apply. Because H.R. 1725 seeks to regulate international economic competition and falls outside of traditional "essential security" and political concerns, it is inconsistent with the U.S. international obligation to accord national treatment. My detailed analysis follows.

I. NATIONAL TREATMENT

A. Defined

The Supreme Court of the United States has stated that "national treatment of [foreign-owned U.S.] corporations means equal treatment with domestic corporations."¹ This obligation arises under various international agreements, including "modern" treaties of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation ("FCN"),² Bilateral Investment Treaties ("BITs"),³ the Canada-USA Free

¹ Sumitomo Shoji American, Inc. v. Avagliano, 457 U.S. 176, 188 n. 18 (1982).

² "Modern" FCN treaties are the 16 such agreements the U.S. has entered into since 1946.

³ The BIT program, initiated by the United States in 1981, was designed to encourage international investment. To date, the United States has signed 13 BITs, six of which have

Trade Agreement, and the OECD National Treatment Instrument ("NTI"). A fundamental tenet of these international agreements is national treatment.⁴ The State Department's model FCN treaty defines national treatment as "treatment accorded within the territories of a Party upon terms no less favorable than the treatment accorded therein, in like situations, to nationals, companies, products, vessels or other subjects, as the case may be, of such Party."

One of the U.S.' principal architects of the "modern" FCN treaty, Herman Walker Jr., noted that

the basic rule to govern conduct of [the commercial activity of foreign-owned U.S. corporations] has long since been settled, in United States treaty practice, as 'national treatment': that is, equality of treatment as between the alien and the citizen of the country. The former thus is entitled freely to carry on his chosen business under conditions of non-discrimination, and to enjoy the same legal opportunity to succeed and prosper on his merits as is allowed citizens of the country.⁶

entered into force.

⁴ The Department of State set forth the FCN treaties' three fundamental purposes as follows:

- (a) national treatment with respect to entry into the general run of commercial and industrial activities;
- (b) nondiscriminatory treatment of all established enterprises regardless of field, and (c) reasonable provision for withdrawal of earnings and transfer of capital when exchange controls are found necessary.

Memorandum from U.S. Department of State to the American Embassy in Tokyo (Aug. 16, 1962).

⁵ Sumitomo, 457 U.S. at 181, n. 6.

⁶ Walker, "Treaties for the Encouragement and Protection of Foreign Investment: Present United States Practice," 5 AM. J. Comp. L. 229, 232 (1956). See also MacNamara v. Korean Air Lines, 863 F.2d 1135, 1143 (3d Cir. 1988) (stating that the standard of national treatment is designed to put foreign businesses on equal footing with American companies, enabling them to conduct their "business under conditions of non-discrimination, and to enjoy the same legal opportunity to succeed and prosper on [their] merits as is allowed citizens of the [United States]" (quoting Walker, *id.*)).

B. The International Legal Obligation to Accord National Treatment

1. Treaty Obligations

All of our BITs and most of our "modern" FCN treaties involve an undertaking by the U.S. "to accord national treatment to established foreign investment."⁷ The Department of State's model BIT "accords national treatment to 'investment, and activities associated therewith.'"⁸ All operational aspects of the foreign-owned company are defined as "associated activities."⁹

FCN treaties were initiated by the Department of State with a view to breaking down barriers to American investment abroad. The primary purpose of the modern FCNs is to assure foreign-owned corporations "the right to conduct business on an equal basis [with domestic companies] without suffering discrimination based on their allegiance."¹⁰ For example, Article VII, paragraph 1, of the FCN Treaty between the United States of America and the Kingdom of The Netherlands requires the United States to accord Dutch-owned U.S. companies treatment no less favorable than similarly-situated American-owned U.S. companies.¹¹ In addition, Article XXIII, paragraph 3, of the FCN provides that Dutch-owned companies incorporated in the United States are deemed to be companies of the United States, rather than of The Netherlands.¹² They therefore "are entitled to the rights, and subject to the responsibilities of other domestic corporations"¹³ -- in other words, they are entitled to national treatment -- because they are, in fact, domestic corporations.

⁷ Hearing on H.R. 1725 Before the Subcomm. on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations of the House Comm. on the Judiciary, 102d Cong., 1st Sess. (July 24, 1991) (statement of Stephen B. Gibson, Dir., Investment Affairs, State Dep't).

⁸ Id.

⁹ Id.

¹⁰ Sumitomo, 457 U.S. at 188.

¹¹ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Dec. 5, 1957, United States-The Netherlands, 8 U.S.T. 2043, T.I.A.S. No. 3942.

¹² Id.

¹³ Sumitomo, 457 U.S. at 188.

The same is true, for example, for companies a majority of whose shareholders are German,¹⁴ Greek,¹⁵ Irish,¹⁶ Israeli,¹⁷ and Japanese.¹⁸

2. OECD National Treatment Instrument

The NTI consists of the Declaration on International Investment and Multilateral Enterprises (the "1976 Declaration") and the Decision of the Council on National Treatment. The 1976 Declaration -- a hortatory instrument -- focuses on investments by foreign-owned companies and branches of foreign companies already established in the host country. The Council Decision sets forth procedures for OECD notification of measures taken by a member state "constituting exceptions" to national treatment and for consultation at the request of a member state regarding any matter related to the NTI.

In 1976, the OECD member states declared that foreign-controlled enterprises operating in their territory should be treated no less favorably than domestic enterprises in like situations. The 1976 Declaration specifically provides that:

Member countries should . . . accord to enterprises operating in their territories and owned or controlled directly or indirectly by nationals of another Member country (hereinafter referred to as "Foreign-Controlled Enterprises") treatment under their laws, regulations and administrative practices, consistent with international law and no less favorable than that accorded in like situations to domestic enterprises

¹⁴ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, July 14, 1956, United States-FRG, art. VII, para. 1, 7 U.S.T. 1839, T.I.A.S. No. 3593.

¹⁵ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Oct. 13, 1954, United States-Greece, art. XIII, para. 2, 5 U.S.T. 1829, T.I.A.S. No. 3057.

¹⁶ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Sept. 14, 1950, United States-Ireland, art. VI, para. 2, 1 U.S.T. 785, T.I.A.S. No. 2155.

¹⁷ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Apr. 3, 1954, United States-Israel, art. VII, para. 1, 5 U.S.T. 550, T.I.A.S. No. 2948.

¹⁸ Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Oct. 30, 1953, United States-Japan, art. VII, para. 1, 4 U.S.T. 2063, T.I.A.S. No. 2863.

(hereinafter referred to as "National Treatment") [.]"

An OECD publication noted that national treatment "is considered to be central to establishing a favourable climate for foreign investment and to encouraging foreign-controlled enterprises to contribute to economic and social progress."²⁰

II. EXCEPTIONS TO NATIONAL TREATMENT

Two types of activity are generally excepted from the obligation to accord national treatment: (1) activity relating to "essential security interests" and (2) "political" activity.

A. National Security Exception

The U.S.' obligation to accord national treatment to foreign-owned U.S. corporations does not extend into the reserved domain of national security. For example, national treatment is not accorded to measures "necessary to protect . . . essential security interests".²¹ Although "national security" is not defined in the FCN treaties, Article XXIV of the FCN between the United States and Germany puts the exception in the following context:

1. The present Treaty shall not preclude the application by either party of measures:
 - (a) regulating the importation or exportation of gold, silver, platinum and the alloys thereof;
 - (b) relating to fissionable materials, to radioactive by-products of the utilization or processing thereof, or to materials that are the sources of fissionable materials;
 - (c) regulating the production of or traffic in arms, ammunition and implements of war, or traffic in other materials carried on directly or indirectly for the purpose of supplying a military establishment;
 - (d) necessary to fulfill its obligations for the maintenance or restoration of international peace and security, or necessary to protect its

¹⁹ 1976 Declaration, para. I.1.

²⁰ OECD, National Treatment for Foreign-Controlled Enterprises 7 (1985).

²¹ See, e.g., Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, Oct. 30, 1953, United States-Japan, art. XXI, para. 1(d), U.S.T. 2063, T.I.A.S. No. 2863.

essential security interests;²²

Although undefined, it would appear from the foregoing that the national security exception in FCN treaties was intended to be limited.

B. Political Exception

The other general exception to the national treatment obligation is the reserved domain of "political" activities. Typical of the language relating to this exception is the FCN between the United States and Germany which provides that nothing therein "shall be deemed to grant or imply any right to engage in political activities."²³ Once again, this term was not defined in the treaty.

The "political" activities exception was considered routine in U.S. treaty negotiations. Consequently, there was virtually no discussion of the meaning and scope of this provision. In treaty negotiations with Japan, for instance, negotiators discussed the placement of the political activities exception within the treaty without ever substantively discussing the merits of the provision.²⁴ Thus, neither the treaty language nor the negotiating documents shed light on "political" activities which were to be excluded from the national treatment obligation. However, it is clear that in treating "political" activities as an exception, the drafters likely intended that it be narrowly construed.

III. H.R. 1725 WOULD VIOLATE THE U.S.' OBLIGATION TO ACCORD NATIONAL TREATMENT TO FOREIGN-OWNED U.S. COMPANIES

A. H.R. 1725 Would Convert FARA From a National Security Safeguard Into a Foreign Investment Registration and Reporting System Unrelated to National Security.

FARA was enacted because of Congress' concern that fascist and communist governments would attempt to subvert the U.S.

²² Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation with protocol and exchange of notes, July 14, 1956, United States-Federal Republic of Germany, 7 U.S.T. 1839, T.I.A.S. No. 3593.

²³ *Id.* at art. VIII, para. 2.

²⁴ See U.S. Foreign Service Memorandum of Conversation at 2 (Fourteenth Informal Meeting, Tokyo, Apr. 8, 1952).

government through the use of propaganda.²⁵ FARA has also been used to address espionage and other national security-related activities conducted on behalf of foreign governments in the United States. FARA did not prohibit propaganda or other activities; rather, it required the public disclosure of such efforts so that policymakers and the public were aware of the source of these activities. As such, FARA was a narrowly drawn law relating to the "essential security interests" of the United States.

In introducing H.R. 1725, Rep. Dan Glickman identified America's ability to compete in the global economy as the "problem" he sought to address with this legislation. He noted "the need for the United States to aggressively promote its own economic interests through public policy."²⁶ H.R. 1725 seeks to address this, in part, by gathering information on and subjecting foreign-owned U.S. companies to burdensome reporting requirements using FARA as a vehicle. While it is open to question whether H.R. 1725 would, in fact, "aggressively promote [America's] economic interests", the registration and reporting requirements would require certain U.S. companies to disclose business-sensitive information merely because their shares are foreign-owned. H.R. 1725 is thus intended to serve an economic purpose, and is not related to the "essential security interests" of the U.S. Consequently, it would cause the U.S. to derogate from its international obligation to accord national treatment.

H.R. 1725 represents a marked departure from FARA's national security orientation. No national security purpose is served by requiring employees, consultants, and others working on behalf of foreign-owned U.S. corporations to register as foreign agents. After all, foreign direct investment in America takes place because foreign companies want to share in the benefits of what is still the most open, dynamic, and exciting economy in the world. And, once having invested in this country, the foreign-owned U.S. company is subject to U.S. law and is under constant scrutiny by the American public and press. Foreign-owned U.S. companies are, in fact, largely indistinguishable from their American-owned competitors.

The implication of H.R. 1725 is that foreign-owned U.S. companies are prepared to behave in ways that may be inconsistent with the interests of the United States. This is a very serious charge, but I believe it is baseless. I believe that the

²⁵ See, e.g., Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Oversight of Government Management of the Senate Comm. on Governmental Affairs, 102d Cong., 1st Sess. (June 20, 1991) (prepared statement of Mark Richard, Dep. Asst. Attorney Gen'l).

²⁶ Statement of Rep. Dan Glickman at 2 (Apr. 11, 1991).

American executives who run these subsidiaries and their American employees are no different from their counterparts in American-owned U.S. companies.

B. H.R. 1725 Would Convert FARA From an Instrument Designed to Protect the Sanctity of the Political Process From Foreign Influence Into a Tool to Regulate International Economic Competition

As I touched on a moment ago, FARA does not prohibit any activities; it does, however, require registration of foreign persons and their agents engaged in a broad range of "political" activity. The purpose of this aspect of FARA is straightforward and consistent with the "political" activities exception in our FCNA.

However, when a multinational corporation operates a subsidiary which is incorporated in the U.S., it is entitled by virtue of this country's international undertaking to national treatment in the pursuit of its economic activity.

The question is whether the activities H.R. 1725 seeks to cover are "political" within the meaning of the exception to our FCNA, or whether these activities are a normal part of pursuing economic activity in the United States. I believe the latter is the case. The activities that H.R. 1725 seeks to cover are the ordinary administrative and legislative activities a major U.S. company would engage in, whether American or foreign-owned. Indeed, H.R. 1725 would apply to foreign-owned U.S. companies but not to similarly-situated American-owned U.S. companies. As such, H.R. 1725 would affect the ordinary economic activities of foreign-owned U.S. corporations entitled to national treatment.

Rep. Glickman has stated that another purpose of H.R. 1725 is "simply to shed sunshine on lobbying by foreign interests so legislators, administrators and the American public are aware of who is working to influence public policy, and who is paying for it."²⁷ APH agrees that Congress and the Executive branch should know who is attempting to shape policy decisions. However, we believe H.R. 1725 would fall short of accomplishing this goal.

The public interest is not well served by imposing added disclosure requirements only on foreign-owned U.S. companies -- which, after all, account for less than 5 percent of all U.S. corporate activity. If policymakers wish to learn who is influencing decisions, and how much money they spend doing it, this information should be collected from all groups -- American and foreign-owned U.S. corporations, labor unions, trade

²⁷ *Id.* at 1.

associations, and so forth. The simplest and most appropriate way to collect this information is through the Lobbying Act, which was created to serve this very purpose. By broadening FARA to do in small part what the Lobbying Act was designed to do may, at best, give policymakers incomplete information. Not only will the government then have available information on those attempting to influence public policy, but it will have done so without derogating from its international obligations.

Mr. FRANK. I understand that.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Bush has worked hard to push the idea of national treatment.

Mr. FRANK. I understand that, Mr. Richardson, but, as you know, when people raise an argument, they have some obligation to follow through on it. There is the policy argument. The argument that we would be violating treaties would obviously be even more forceful. Congress might well decide, as you know, to change a policy, but we've got more right to change a policy than we do unilaterally to change a treaty. So, it would be helpful to us to have some information.

I would also mention that we might find this, for instance, winding up to be where it would be a weapon against reciprocity, that it might be something that wound up being brandished against those who were not treating Americans fairly. There has been, as you know, concern that some countries don't treat American investment as fairly as they should, and that would be one of the contexts in which we might pursue it.

Mr. Edwards.

Mr. EDWARDS. I have no questions. I welcome the gentleman.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Thank you, Mr. Edwards.

Mr. FRANK. I have no further questions.

Mr. RICHARDSON. May I make one further comment, then, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. FRANK. Certainly.

Mr. RICHARDSON. It's refreshing to hear a subcommittee chairman of Congress give priority to international law over an issue of policy. I think that we're in an era where the structure of international law certainly clearly needs to be strengthened.

Mr. FRANK. Well, I appreciate that, and I think we have to recognize our obligations.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Excuse me?

Mr. FRANK. It's simply a matter of recognizing where we have obligations, and I think that's an important thing to do.

Mr. RICHARDSON. But, on the matter of reciprocity, I think it's worth observing that the thrust of the policy of national treatment is very different from, and indeed perhaps almost antithetical to, an approach that says, if you adopt a narrow and restrictive practice, we will match it. That tends to reinforce a downward spiral, instead of consistently adhering to the basic positions that we would like to see others adopt.

It's true most clearly, for example, with respect to restrictions on investment flows. One of the reasons for the existence of my organization is that we should resist proposals originating in the United States to make it harder for foreign investors here because everywhere around the world for the last 50 years to date, and I trust into the future, we're trying to bring down the barriers that other people have placed in the way of U.S. investment in their countries.

Mr. FRANK. I agree. Very often, however, in some cases the threat to erect a barrier of your own is a way to bring down another barrier. Obviously, the preference is to be sweet and reasonable at first, but unrequited love in my experience makes a better subject for novels than for public policy. If after a period of open-

ness on the one side that doesn't bring openness in return, then I think various sorts of threats can work.

Mr. RICHARDSON. I agree with that.

Mr. FRANK. I think, frankly, one example, that I felt that that was a relevant role of the Export-Import Bank. I had hoped that we would use the existence of the American Export-Import Bank as a tool of getting rid of export-import subsidies, but absent our having the weapon, I think we would probably—and I think that's what the administrations have been doing with it.

Mr. RICHARDSON. I agree with you, Mr. Chairman. I think it's a judgmental matter. All I can say again is that in this context I really haven't heard about problems that other people have been creating for American companies.

Mr. FRANK. I don't know as there are any. This is a new topic for me. I simply was indicating the range of things that we hope to get more information on.

Mr. RICHARDSON. Thank you, sir.

Mr. FRANK. Thank you. The hearing is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 11:50 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned, to reconvene subject to the call of the Chair.]

APPENDIX

REGULATION OF LOBBYING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, BY STEPHEN F. CLARKE, COORDINATOR, SENIOR LEGAL SPECIALIST, AMERICAN-BRITISH LAW DIVISION, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, FEBRUARY 1991

SUMMARY

Introduction

In his widely publicized and much discussed work, *Agents of Influence*, Pat Choate has claimed that lobbyists acting on behalf of foreign interests exert far more influence in the United States than do lobbyists acting on behalf of American interests in foreign countries.¹ This contention raises many questions, one of the most natural being: Are there any specific reasons for believing that American interest groups and industry have been relatively ineffectual in gaining access to and the support of the types of representatives and officials of foreign governments that can help them to instill their ideas and sell their products and services abroad? Another way of raising this same issue is to ask whether Choate's proposition indulges in over-generalization or accurately portrays countries outside the United States as having far less hospitable climates for "agents of [foreign] influence."

Of the many possible explanations as to why lobbyists acting on behalf of foreign interests in the United States may often be more influential than their U.S. counterparts acting abroad, two have been most frequently postulated. The first of these is that lobbyists--particularly ones acting on behalf of external interests--are far more tightly regulated in many of the United States' largest trading partners than they are within this country. The other plausibility is that due to complex political and cultural factors, most governments are not nearly so amenable or open to lobbying as is the Government of the United States.²

¹ P. Choate, *Agents of Influence* xiii, xvii, and 3 (1990). This controversial publication is primarily devoted to discussing, to quote its subtitle, "How Japan's Lobbyists in the United States Manipulate America's Political and Economic System."

² In preparing this report, the Law Library has endeavored to identify laws and rules providing for the regulation of lobbying in foreign countries. Cultural and political factors that may make it difficult for American interest groups and industries to influence foreign governmental decisions through the employment of professional representatives will be examined in a series of selected

This study examines the hypothesis that legal factors are in large part responsible for whatever disparities exist between lobbying on behalf of United States interests abroad and lobbying on behalf of foreign interests in the United States and concludes that it cannot be sustained. None of the surveyed countries has legislation that generally limits the types of situations in which a legislator or official of its government can legally receive the innocent entreaties of an eligible representative acting on behalf of either foreign or domestic interests and none of them tries to generally limit the types of situations in which such a person can legally attempt to secure the assistance of a local legislator or official other than through their bribery laws. In fact, most of these countries do not have a single law or rule that is specifically directed at the activity of lobbying. This vacuum suggests that, consistent with what Choate found in the particular case of Japan, political and cultural factors have essentially been the controlling variables behind what seems to be the greater ability of lobbyists representing foreign interests to help shape American policies, decisions, and legislation.

Even though the results of this report do not show that lobbying is a highly regulated activity in many foreign capitals, they do demonstrate that the number of foreign countries that have enacted laws or adopted rules respecting lobbying or lobbyists has been growing. For example, lobbyist registration requirements now exist not only in the U.S., but also in Canada, Australia, and Germany. Likewise, laws or rules placing temporary restrictions on the lobbying activities of former legislators and/or government officials are now

country analyses to be prepared by the General Accounting Office. One major objective of the present study was to assist the GAO in drawing up a list of countries that have political and legal systems that could be profitably studied in field trips conducted by members of its own investigative staff. Another purpose of this report was to gather material for a separate Congressional Research Service comparison of the regulation of lobbying in the United States and foreign countries.

imposed not only in the U.S. but also in Canada, France, Israel, Japan, and Mexico. Aside from showing that the influence wielded by lobbyists has begun to be viewed as problematic in at least several foreign countries, these laws and rules may well be of interest to anyone considering how the current legislation of the United States respecting lobbyists and post-employment opportunities can be strengthened.

Registration Requirements

Canada

Canada's Lobbyists Registration Act came into force on September 30, 1989.³ This statute applies to two groups of individuals. "Professional" or "Tier 1" lobbyists are persons who undertake to arrange a meeting or to communicate with a Member of Parliament, legislative staffer, or federal employee in an attempt to influence legislative proposals, the regulatory process, governmental policies, or the awarding of contracts. "Other" or "Tier 2" lobbyists are full-time employees who communicate with public office holders for any of the purposes just mentioned, except the awarding of contracts when such contracts constitute a significant part of their duties.

The Lobbyists Registration Act requires both Tier 1 and Tier 2 lobbyists to file returns with the Lobbyists Registration Branch in the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Members of the former group must disclose the names, addresses, and parent and subsidiary corporations of their clients and the proposed subject matters of their meetings or communications. Members of the latter group are only required to report the names of their employers.

³ 1989 S.L. No. 193.

Canada's new law respecting lobbying is broad enough to apply to lobbyists acting on behalf of both foreign and domestic interests. However, the Lobbyists Registration Act does not attempt to set legal limits on lobbying activities and it does not give the Lobbyists Registration Branch the authority to investigate or prosecute cases of nondisclosure or fraud. Registration returns filed with the Lobbyists Registration Branch are a matter of public record and are available for inspection. During the first seven months of its existence, that office received 473 Tier 1 and 2,355 Tier 2 registration forms.

Australia

No other country surveyed for this report has legislation equivalent to Canada's Lobbyists Registration Act. However, since 1984, Australia has had a non-statutory scheme that establishes two separate registers for persons representing foreign governments and persons representing other clients. This system cannot be described as providing for a separate tracking of lobbyists acting on behalf of all types of foreign interests, but it does interject an element into the picture that is not found in the Canadian example.

Australia's registration system is set out in guidelines approved by the Cabinet and announced by the Minister of State in Parliament. Under these rules, a lobbyist is a "person who, for financial or other advantage, represents a client in dealings with Commonwealth Government Ministers and officials." Excluded from this group are the Members of Parliament who have not been tapped for a ministerial appointment. Specifically exempted from the class of persons who must register in Australia are such representative organizations as professional associations, trade union councils, and industrial confederations. The types of activities encompassed by Australia's registration guidelines are those that attempt to influence: 1) the legislative process; 2) government policies; 3) the awarding of contracts; and 4) the appointing of persons to public office.

Information submitted by lobbyists in Australia is considered to be confidential and is only disclosed to government officials on a "need to know" basis. Despite the fact that the guidelines provide that no unregistered lobbyist will have access to a Minister or departmental employee, only twenty-nine names were placed on the special register⁴ and only 191 names were placed on the general register prior to 1989.

One unique feature of Australia's registration system is that it incorporates a code of conduct for Ministers of the Crown. This code does not attempt to limit the types of activities lobbyists may engage in, but it does provide that lobbyists who meet with the heads of governmental departments are to be accompanied by their principals. This rule was implemented as part of a plan to make lobbying less "mysterious."

Germany

In Germany, associations must be registered with the Federal Diet before they can be heard during the legislative process. The parliamentary order establishing this rule dates back to 1972 and provides that registrants must furnish information respecting their areas of interest, the names of their representatives, and their local addresses. A list of registered associations is published in an official gazette and their representatives are issued passes to the Federal Diet. A register was created in 1981, and by 1985 it had grown to include the names of 1,226 associations and other organizations. The German registration system has a far narrower scope than its closest counterparts in Canada and Australia and there are no penal sanctions for failing to comply with its provisions.

⁴ The special registrar is for lobbyists who represent foreign governments and their agencies.

South Africa

South Africa does not have a law respecting lobbying, but it does have a law that can be used by the Government to identify persons lobbying on behalf of foreign interests. Under the Disclosure of Foreign Funding Act, the Registrar of Reporting Organizations and Persons can require any person or organization to report whether that person or organization has directly or indirectly received any money from foreign sources within the preceding three months. Additional information that must be furnished by respondents who have received foreign funds during that period includes the purpose for which the money was provided and whether any conditions were attached to it.

Once a person or organization is designated to be subject to the Disclosure of Foreign Funding Act, that person or organization must keep all of his or its foreign funds in a separate account so that all transactions involving those funds can be easily tracked. The maximum penalties for a violation of this statute are a fine of 40,000 rand and three years' imprisonment.

South Africa's Disclosure of Foreign Funding Act appears to have been created in an attempt to monitor dissident groups and individuals who may receive funds from foreign sources. The powers of the Registrar of Reporting Organizations and Persons are not limited to investigating persons or organizations who have advocated the use of violence to end the apartheid regime.

United Kingdom

In the United Kingdom, Members of Parliament may earn outside income by representing organizations that have interests before Parliament. In fact, although this would be considered highly improper in many other countries, it is customary for some MP's to be associated with lobbying organizations or to be acting as consultants in the field of their

expertise. In order to monitor these practices, MP's have been required, since 1975, to provide information respecting their pecuniary interests that may be thought to affect their conduct or influence their actions, speeches, or votes in Parliament. Such disclosure is provided by recording declarations in a Register of Members' Interests. One of the headings for the categories of information that must be furnished in this manner is "any payments or any material benefits or advantages received from or on behalf of foreign governments, organizations, or persons."

Because it applies to persons who are not even eligible to act as lobbyists in most countries, the non-statutory British parliamentary practice outlined above should not be miscast in a highly progressive mold. Nevertheless, the United Kingdom's Register of Members' Interests does serve to reveal some information about lobbying and certain lobbyists in that country.

Post-Employment Restrictions

Outrage over revelations that former legislators and former government officials have passed through an imaginary "revolving door" to work for private interests they once supervised, controlled, or affected in the course of their normal duties has not been confined to the United States. In fact, this sentiment has led the following countries to adopt measures designed to provide for at least a cooling-off period for some officials who might otherwise be tempted to immediately exploit the expertise they gained while working for the government on behalf of persons, firms, and associations in the private sector.

Canada

Canada has had a non-statutory Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code since the beginning of 1986. This document states that "[a]t no time shall a former public office holder act for . . . any person . . . or commercial entity . . . in connection with any

specific ongoing proceeding, transaction, negotiation or case to which the Government is a party . . . in respect of which the former public office holder acted for or advised a department." Another section of the Code reinforces this prohibition by directing former public office holders to refrain from "mak[ing] representations for or on behalf of any person or entity to any department with which they had significant official dealings prior to their service in public office" and "giv[ing] counsel . . . concerning the programs or policies of the department with which they were employed" For most public office holders, this prohibition remains in effect for one year from the moment they leave office, but in the case of ministers of the Crown, this cooling-off period is for two years. Public office holders who meet with former public office holders acting in contravention of the Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code are liable to dismissal. There are no criminal penalties for violating the Code.

France

Article 175-1 of the French Civil Code states that any civil servant who after having supervised or made deals with a private enterprise takes or receives an interest by reason of work, counsel, or investment in that enterprise within five years of leaving the government is guilty of a criminal offense. The maximum sentences for this infraction are two years' imprisonment and a fine of 15,000 francs, and the minimum sentences for it are six months' imprisonment and a fine of 360 francs. The above article does not appear to apply to all government employees and issues such as when does an official "supervise" a private enterprise could cause problems of interpretation. Nevertheless, it appears that the French courts have been prepared to interpret France's post-employment restrictions fairly broadly. In any event, these provisions would certainly appear to cover the types of

"revolving-door" cases that have been most responsible for bringing the integrity of government officials into question in many other countries.

Israel

Israel has a Public Service (Restrictions after Retirement) Law that states "[a] person who . . . dealt with a particular matter of a particular person shall not, after retiring from the service, represent that person in that matter *vis-à-vis* the public service institution in which he served." In addition to this general prohibition, the Israeli post-employment law also provides for cooling-off periods of one and two years. The former covers specified types of requests of certain designated pre-retirement subordinates and the latter covers certain persons who were competent to grant specified rights prior to their departure from public service.

Israel's Public Service (Restrictions after Retirement) Law is not as lengthy as Canada's Conflict of Interest and Post-Employment Code but unlike its Canadian counterpart, it does contain criminal sanctions. Violations of the Israeli law are punishable with fines and maximum sentences of six months' imprisonment. In comparison to Article 175-1 of the French Criminal Code, the Public Service (Restrictions after Retirement) Law is fairly complex. However, since the latter focuses on more than post-employment commercial activities, it would appear to apply to certain types of situations that the former does not.

Japan

The Japan National Public Service Law states that no person who was in government service may, for a period of two years after leaving the service, accept an appointment of a post of a profit-making enterprise that is closely connected with the public organization he served in during the five years that preceded his or her retirement unless he

or she obtains the permission of the National Personnel Authority. This broad restriction applies to lobbyists acting on behalf of both foreign and domestic interests. Violations of the post-employment rules contained in Japan's National Public Service Law are punishable with maximum sentences of one year in prison and a fine of 30,000 yen.

Mexico

In Mexico, the Federal Law on the Liabilities of Public Servants requires former federal officers to abstain from soliciting, accepting, or receiving money, donations, employment, fees or commissions from a person or corporation whose activities they regulated for a period of one year from their date of separation. This provision applies to legislators. There are no penal sanctions for contravening Mexico's post-employment rules, but officeholders who violate them may be subject to termination and disqualification.

Miscellaneous Laws

The registration systems and the post-employment rules summarized above constitute by far the most significant means for regulating lobbying in foreign countries. In addition to information on those systems and rules, the attached country reports contain references to some general laws and orders that were not created for the same specific purposes, but that can nonetheless still be relevant to the topic of this study. The chapters on Canada, France, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Portugal, and Spain outline several very broad bribery statutes and a few more general conflict of interest laws and rules for legislators at the national level. The reports on Israel and Mexico make reference to special laws respecting the representation of hostile terrorist organizations and hostile foreign powers. The chapters on France, Germany, Japan, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, and Taiwan summarize the statutes in those nations prohibiting or restricting foreign persons and entities from contributing to domestic political parties. These statutes were deemed to be relevant

because a number of countries have had scandals touched off by revelations that foreign lobbyists or representatives were making large donations to domestic officials and parties.

Unreported Countries

Because they were not found to have any laws or rules respecting lobbying, there are no country reports for the nations of Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Switzerland. In most of these cases, the negative responses received were accompanied with notations to the effect that they should not be construed to mean that lobbying is a widely-accepted and deeply entrenched part of the jurisdiction being reported upon. In fact, many legal experts and government officials denied that lobbying is practiced in the countries they cover or represent even when this activity was defined so broadly as to mean "extraparlimentary communications between representatives or officials of a government and persons or groups attempting to influence governmental decision-making or policy." One explanation that was frequently offered in this connection is that in most parliamentary systems, the parties in power decide issues rather than coalitions of individual representatives. This observation may go to show that it may be more difficult to conduct effective lobbying activities in a parliamentary system than Americans often realize, but it should not be used to obscure the fact that fairly extensive lobbying on behalf of U.S. interests is being conducted in many foreign capitals.

In light of the above, it would appear that comments to the effect that lobbying is unknown in particular foreign countries should probably be understood to reveal two phenomena. The first of these is that some parliamentary systems create environments that are not particularly hospitable to lobbying activities and the other is that the role lobbyists play in foreign countries is a subject foreign governmental officials are often unwilling or unable to discuss. What would probably serve to most quickly bring more information to

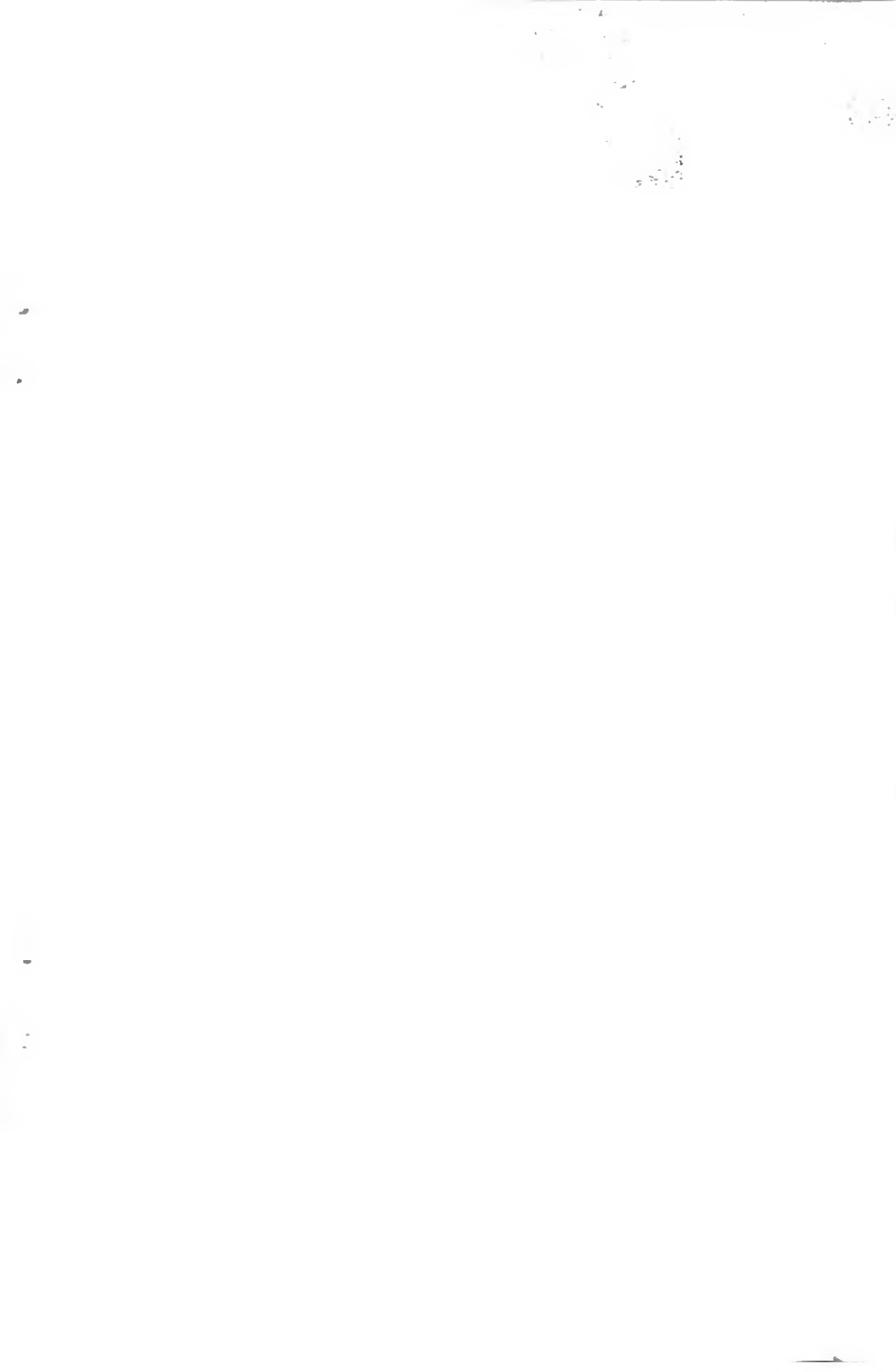
light in these countries is consideration or adoption of proposals to regulate or restrict lobbying activities. In the meantime, what seems to be clearest about lobbying in the above countries is that it is not the subject of specific legislation.

Conclusion

There is not enough evidence to support the proposition that a strong worldwide trend toward stricter regulation of lobbying activities in foreign countries has been emerging. It can be said however, that lobbyists have been coming under greater scrutiny within the governments of a number of the United States' largest trading partners. Some of these countries require lobbyists to register and some prohibit former office holders from engaging in lobbying activities that are deemed to be too closely related to their former responsibilities or to be occurring too soon after their leaving government service. Buttressing these legal measures are numerous traditional bribery statutes and several new prohibitions on campaign contributions by foreigners or nonresidents. These laws place some obstacles in the paths of Americans interested in attempting to influence foreign governmental decisions through the employment of professional representatives. Nevertheless, it would appear that much more significant obstacles are created by political and cultural factors that discourage direct contacts between such representatives and either foreign government officials or former foreign government officials.

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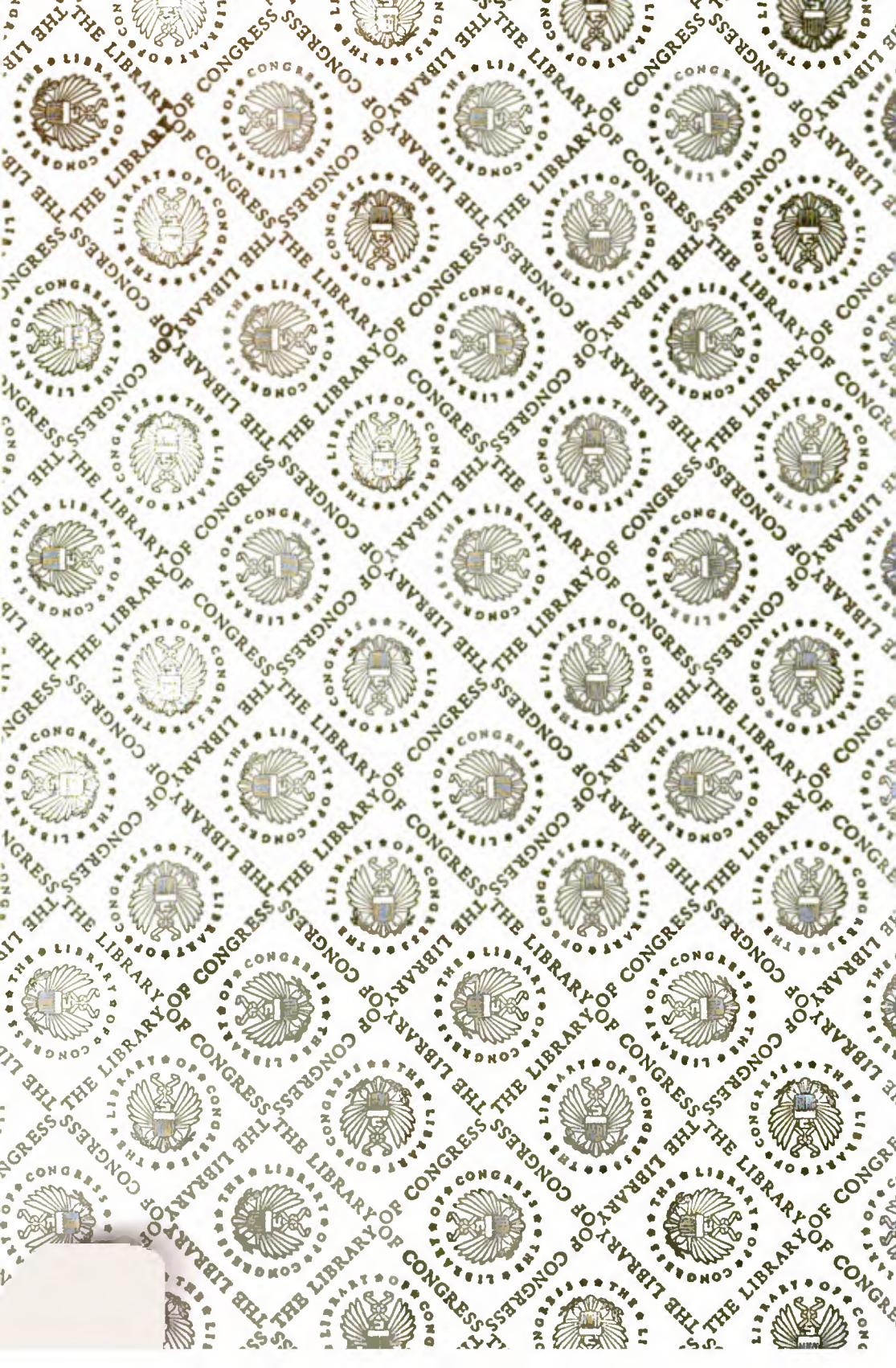
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